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72	McCullough, C. E.	Cumberland,	99 Bedford st.; Cumberland, Md.
73	McGregor, E. R.	Without appoint.	,
74	Melvin, A. D.	Pocomoke City,	Pocomoke City, Md.
	Mills, J. L.	Westminster,	Westminster, Md.
	Morrow, Q. L.	Kennedyville,	Kennedyville, Kent co., Md.
	Mullineaux, F. H.	Oxford,	Oxford, Talbot co., Md.
78	Murray, J. J.	St. John's,	115 N. Liberty st., Balto., Md.
79	Murray, J. T.	Tract Society,	623 Fulton Ave., Balto., Md. [D.C.
	Murray, S. R.	Central,	1517 12th st., N. W. Washington,
	Neepier, W. J.	Somerset,	Marion Station, Somerset co., Md.
80	Nichols, J. K.	CV .	
83	Nichols, J. R.	Anne Arundel (A.),	Johnsville, Frederick co., Md. Odenton, Anne Arundel co., Md.
	Nicholson, J. E.	First Church,	
	Norris, J. W.	0.3	500 Virginia ave., S. E. Washing-
		Clayton,	Clayton, Del. [ton, D. C.
	Norris, R. S.	Superannuate,	1515 E. Biddle st., Balto., Md.
88	Ohrum, S. C.	Delta,	Delta, Pa.
	Parris, J. W.	Pocomoke,	West, Somerset co., Md.
	Phillips, W. S.	Jefferson (A.),	Buckeystown, Md.
	Poisal, W. M.	Alexandria,	Alexandria, Va.
	Rowe, R. S.		18 N. Washington st., Balto., Md.
0.2	Sheridan, J. M.	Jefferson,	Buckeystown, Md.
	Shreeve, Jesse	Howard,	Clarksville, Howard co., Md.
	Simpson, Elmer	Campbell,	Marysville, Va.
	Smith, G. J.	Reliance,	Reliance, Dorchester co., Md.
	Smith, S. J.	Queen Anne's,	Ruthsburg, Queen Anne's co., Md.
	Southerland, S. B.	Superannuate.	1702 Suroulle
98	Stone, W. H.	Harrington,	Harrington, Del.
	Straughn, J. L.	Hampden,	Woodberry, Md.
	Strayer, W. M.	President,	42 Parkin st., Baltimore, Md.
	Sullivan, J. G.	Surry,	Jones Wharf, Va.
102	Tagg, F. T.	Board of Missions,	Easton, Talbot co., Md.
103	Thompson, James	Superannuate,	Westminster, Md.
104	Tredway, S. B.	St. James',	Hanesville, Kent co., Md.
105	Trout, J. W.	Easton,	Easton, Talbot co., Md.
	Truitt, B. P.	Hurlocks.	
	Valiant, T. D.	Superannuate.	•
108	Vandyke, E. H.	Missionary,	Japan.
109	Walter, A. J.	Powellville,	Powellville, Wicomico co., Md.
	Ward, J. T.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, Md.
111	Warfield, E. A.	Without appoint.	
112	Webster, A.	St. John's, P. Em's.	127 Laurens st., Baltimore Md.
113	Weigand, J. A.	Superannuate,	Milton, Del.
114	White, W. W.	Union,	Sharptown, Wicomico co., Md.
	Williamson, R. S.	Franklin City,	Greenbackville, Va.
115			
115			St. Michael's. Md.
115 116	Wilson, David Wooden, J. F.	St. Michael's, Deer Creek,	St. Michael's, Md. Chestnut Hill, Harford co., Md.

DEAD ROLL

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of rightousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

- 1. CHARLES RIGBY. Born in Talbot county, Md., 1782; died in Kent county, Md., August 12, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
- 2. JOSEPH SCULL. Born 1785; dicd at Easton, Md., Dec. 22, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
- 3. Washington Hamilton Hays. Died April, 1831. Appointment: 1830, Anne Arundel (A.)
- 4. WILLIAM BAMBER. Died March 30, 1832. Appointment: 1831, Eastern Shore.
- 5. CHARLES WESLEY JACOBS. Born at Alexandria, Va., Oct. 28, 1812; dicd at Easton, Md., July 20, 1833. Appointments: 1829-30, Eastern Shore (A.); 1831, Deer Creek (A.); 1832, Pipe Creek (A.); 1833, Talbot.
- 6. James Hanson. Died August 19, 1834. Appointments: 1829, Mt. Olivet (A.); 1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1831, Reisterstown; 1832, Anne Arundel; 1833, Kent; 1834, no appointment at his request.
- 7. WILLIAM KESLEY. Died Sept. 23, 1841. Appointments: 1830, Deer Creek; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1832, Reisterstown; 1833, Tabernacle; 1834, Reisterstown; 1835, Mt. Olivet; 1836, Queen Anne's; 1837, Agent of Book Concern; 1838, Prince William; 1839-40, Kent; 1841, Buttonwood, Phila.
- 8. ISAAC WEBSTER CLIPPINGER. Died at Cumberland, Md., May 25, 1842. Appointment: 1842, Cumberland (A.)
- 9. Samuel L. Rawleigh. Died Nov. 23, 1843. Appointments: 1834-35, Queen Anne's; 1836-8, Kent; 1839, Buttonwood, Phila.; 1840-1, Queen Anne's; 1842, Cecil; 1843, Pipe Creek (A.)
- 10. Daniel Davies, M. D. Died Feb. 16, 1844. Appointments: 1833, Mt. Olive; 1834, Anne Arundel; 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836, no appointment at his request; 1837, Editor Methodist Protestant; 1838, Charleston, S. C.; 1839, Anne Arundel; 1840, with the President; 1841, First Church, Phila. (A.); 1842-3, superannuated.
 - 11. WILLIAM W. MADDUX. Died July 9, 1844. Appointments: 1838, Caroline; 1839, Northampton; 1840, New Leeds; 1841, Cecil; 1842, Dorchester; 1843-4, Decr Creck.
 - 12. WILLIAM W. BALL. Died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 5, 1844. Appointments: 1842, Alexandria; 1843-4, Harper's Ferry.
 - 13. WILLIAM H. BORDLEY. Born at Centreville, Md.; died at Charleston, S. C., Oct. 9, 1846. A. B., Washington College, 1822. Appointments: 1843, Queen Anne's (A.); 1844, Kent; 1845, E. Baltimore.
 - 14. SAMUEL D. NORWOOD. Born in Anne Arundel county, Md., March 1, 1820; died in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 22, 1847. Appointments: 1844, Anne Arundel (A.), 1845, Smyrna; 1846, no appointment at his request; 1847, Deer Creek (A.)
 - 15. ISAAC WEBSTER. Born in Harford county, Md., 1787; died in Westminster, Md., February 4, 1851. Appointments: 1829-30, Reisterstown; 1831, Deer Creek; 1832-3, Pipe Creek; 1834-5, Williamsport; 1836-8, President; 1839, Queen Anne's; 1840, St. John's; 1841-3, Kent; 1844, Brickmaker's; 1845, no appointment at his request; 1846,

Baltimore; 1847-8, Howard; 1849-50, superannuated; Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1846.

16. LEVI ROGERS REESE. Born February 8, 1806; died at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18, 1851. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore, Md. Appointments: 1832-3, Alexandria; 1834-5, St. John's; 1836-7, Washington; 1838, Conference Missionary; 1839, Alexandria; 1840-1, Georgetown, D. C.; 1842, Pipe Creek; 1843-4, President; 1845-6, West Baltimore; 1847-8, Ninth-Street; 1849, Cambridge; 1850-1, Bethlehem, Philadelphia. Secretary of Annual Conference 1833. Representative to General Conference 1846, 1850, and President. Chaplain to U. S. House of Representatives, 1836-7.

17. FREDERICK STIER. Born 1783; died at Fremont O., October 15, 1851. Appointments: 1830-1, Pipe Creek; 1832, Georgetown, D. C.; 1833, East Baltimore; 1834, unstationed; 1839, Conference Missionary; 1840, Williamsport, Md.; 1841-2, Conference Missionary; 1843-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, Conference Missionary; 1847-50, no appointment at his request; 1851, Conference Missionary Representative to General Conference, 1842 Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, 1850.

18. RICHARD ADKINSON Born 1817; died at Easton, Md., March 9, 1851. Interred at Easton, Md Appointments: 1841, Cecil (A.); 1842, Cumberland; 1843, Sussex; 1844, no appointment at his request; 1845, Alleghany; 1846-7 Jefferson; 1848-9, Sussex; 1850, Talbot; 1851, Caroline.

19. LEVIN A. COLLINS. Born 1814; died at Laurel, Del., June 17, 1853. Interred at Laurel, Del. Appointments: 1837, Deer Creek (A.); 1838, Kent (A.): 1839-40, Sussex; 1841-2, Snow Hill; 1843-4, Cambridge; 1845-6, no appointment at his request; 1847, Caroline; 1848, no appointment at his request; 1849, superannuated.

20. John Smith Reese, M. D., Washington University, Baltimore, Md. Born April 7, 1790; died near Baltimore, Md., February 14, 1855. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1829, Eastern Shore; 1830-1, Alexandria; 1832, Eastern Shore; 1833-5, President; 1836-7, Pipe Creek; 1838, Williamsport; 1839-40, President; 1841, Pipe Creek; 1842, Georgetown; 1843, Pipe Creek; 1844, Howard; 1845-6, Alexandria; 1847, no appointment at his request; 1848-9, East Baltimore; 1850-1, no appointment at his request; 1852-4, President. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1842, 1846, 1854.

21. Francis George Wright. Born at Uniontown, Md., July 15, 1823; died at Salisbury, Md., February 23, 1859. Interred at Uniontown, Md. Appointments: 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1850-1, Carlisle; 1852, unstationed; 1858, Union.

22. NEVELL STEELE GREENAWAY. Born in England, May 7, 1824; died at Alexandria, Va., May 2, 1861. Interred at Alexandria, Va. Appointments: 1852-3, Snow Hill; 1854, Williamsport (A.); 1855, Williamsport; 1856, Pipe Creek (A.); 1857, Philadelphia; 1858, Baltimore (A.); 1859, Alexandria; 1860, superannuated.

23. WILLIAM TURBERT WRIGHT. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., May 18, 1808; died at Lisbon, Md., May 8, 1862. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1845, Snow Hill; 1846-7, Sussex; 1848-9, Kent; 1850-1, East Baltimore; 1852-3, Charleston S. C.; 1854-5 Caroline; 1856-7 Talbot; 1858-60, Frederick; 1861-2, Howard.

24. Washington Roby. Born in Montgomery county, Md., October 14, 1816; died at Washington, D. C., July 31, 1862. Appointments: 1839, Harper's Ferry; 1840, Williamsport (A.); 1841, Talbot; 1842, Harper's Ferry; 1843–4, Alexandria; 1845–7, Kent; 1848–9, Pipe Creek (A.); 1850–1, Deer Creek; 1852, Queen Anne's; 1853–5, Talbot; 1856–7, East Baltimore; 1858–9, President; 1860, Georgetown; 1862, Ninth-Street. Representative to General Conference, 1854, 1862.

25. THOROUGHGOOD C. EWELL. Born June 6, 1832; died at Federalsburg Md., November 21, 1862. Appointments: 1856, New Market (A.); 1857, Trough Creek; 1858-9, Dorchester; 1860-1, Sussex; 1862, superannuated.

26. Josiah Varden. Born at Washington, D. C., July 25, 1806; died at Libertytown, Md., January 16, 1863. Interred at West Baltimore Cemetery. Appointments: 1831, Eastern Shore (A.); 1832, Mt. Olive; 1833, Williamsport (A.); 1834, Pipe Creek; 1835, Tabernaele; 1836, Georgetown; 1837, Alexandria; 1838, Westminster; 1839, Talbot;

- 1840-1, East Baltimore; 1842, St. John's; 1843-4, West Baltimore; 1845-6, Georgetown; 1847, West Baltimore; 1848-9, President; 1850-2, Sixth-Street, Cineinnati; 1853, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858.
- 27. GEORGE D. HAMILTON. Born August 28, 1798; died at Baltimore, Md., April 5, 1864. Buried at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1831, Shippensburg; 1832, Deer Creek (A.); 1833, Snow Hill; 1834-6, Dorchester; 1837-8, Queen Anne's; 1839, Pipe Creek (A.); 1840, Pipe Creek; 1841-2, Sussex; 1843, Snow Hill; 1844-5, Baltimore; 1846-7, New Market; 1848-50, Caroline; 1851-2, Cambridge; 1853, Williamsport; 1854-8, superannuated; 1859, Clearfield; 1860-2, Union, Pa.; 1863-4, superannuated.
- 28. Reuben Tyler Boyd. Bornat Rockville, Md., July 3, 1794; died at Clarksburg, Md., February 21, 1865, Appointments: 1833, Shippensburg; 1834, Prince William; 1835, New Market; 1836-7, Snow Hill; 1838, Dorchester; 1839, New Leeds; 1840, transferred; 1849, Trough Creek; 1850-1, Alleghany; 1852-3, Caroline; 1854, Anne Arundel; 1855, Dorchester; 1856, superannuated; 1857, Warwick; 1858, Aecomac; 1859-64, superannuated.
- 29. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN. Born at Baltimore, Md., 1842; died at Baltimore, June 26, 1865. Appointments: 1863, Union (A.); 1864, Kent (A.); 1865, Howard (A.)
- 30. James Francis Whiteside. Bornat Triadelphia, Md., July 1, 1828; died June 20, 1866. Interred at Stewartstown, Pa. Appointments: 1850, Baltimore (A.); 1851, New Market (A.); 1852, Union (A.); 1853-4, Frough Creek; 1855-7, Alleghany; 1858-60, Ceeil; 1861, Baltimore; 1862-3, West Baltimore Circuit; 1864-6, New Market.
- 31. ELI HENKLE. Born in Pendleton county, Va., April 15, 1787; died in Baltimore county, Md., August 24, 1867. Appointments: 1829, Deer Creek; 1830-2, President; 1833, St. John's; 1834, superannuated; 1835, supernumerary; 1836-7, Anne Arundel; 1838-9, Pipe Creek; 1840, Baltimore; 1841-2, supernumerary; 1843. Westminster; 1844, Conference Missionary; 1845-7, President; 1848-50, Baltimore; 1851-67, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1846.
- 32. Francis Waters. A. B. Pennsylvania University; D. D. Washington College, 1822. Born in Somerset eounty, Md., Jan. 16, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., April 23, 1868. Appointments: 1838, Franklin; 1839, supernumerary; 1840, unstationed; 1841-6, supernumerary; 1847, Central Baltimore; 1848-50, Franklin; 1851-67, supernumerary, Author of the name: "Methodist Protestant Church." Representative to General Conference 1830; President 1842, 1846, 1862, 1866.
- 33. THOMAS H. BURGESS. Born February 12, 1828; died July 11, 1868. Appointments: 1861, Harmony; 1862, no appointment at his request; 1863, unstationed; 1867, Millsborough; 1868, Snow Hill.
- 34. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON. Born at Hagerstown, Md., March 1, 1814; died at Libertytown, Md., February 1, 1870. Interred at Central Chapel, Frederick county, Md. Appointments; 1842, Trough Creek (A.); 1843, supernumerary; 1844-5, Concord; 1846-8, Queen Anne's; 1849-50, Alexandria; 1851-2, Union; 1853-4, Pipe Creek; 1855-7, Frederick; 1858-69, supernnuated.
- 35. LUTHER J Cox. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., December 27, 1791; died July 26, 1870. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1838, 1866.
- 36. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., May 6, 1820; died at Baltmore, Md., December 12, 1870. Interred at Little Georgetown, W. Va. Appointments: 1852, Alleghany (A.); 1853, Baltimore (A.); 1854, Deer Creek (A.); 1855, Kent (A.); 1856, Frederick (A.); 1857, Newtown (A.); 1858-9, Cambridge; 1860-2, Concord; 1863-4, Bedford; 1865, Williamsport; 1866-70, superannuated.
- 37. DANIEL BOWERS. Born in Frederick county, Md., March 16, 1832; died at Baltimore, Md., March 19, 1871. Interred at Chestertown, Md. Appointments: 1854, Kent (A.); 1855, Queen Anne's (A.); 1856-7, Cumberland; 1858, Talbot (A.); 1859-60, Philadelphia; 1861-3, Newtown; 1864-5, Georgetown; 1866-9, East Baltimore; 1870, Chatsworth.

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Secretary of Annual Conference, 1863. Alternate attending General Conference, 1867. On Editorial Committee of Methodist Protestant, 1866-9.

- 38. John Morgan. Born at Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1811; died at Montgomery, Ala., June 17, 1871. Appointments: 1844, Williamsport (A.); 1845-6, Williamsport; 1847-8, Pipe Creek; 1849-50, Howard; 1851-2, Talbot; 1853-4, Union; 1855-6, Snow Hill; 1857, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1852-4.
- 39. HENRY HAYGHE. Born at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1844; died at Kennedyville, Md., December 17, 1871. Appointments: 1869, Howard (A.); 1870, Baltimore (A.); 1871, Kennedyville.
- 40. JOHN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., July 14, 1814; died at Baltimore, Md., July 9, 1874. 1838, Cumberland; 1839, Baltimore; 1840-1, Anne Arundel (A.); 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-5, New Market; 1846, Carlisle; 1847-9, Deer Creek; 1850-1, Williamsport; 1852-3, Anne Arundel; 1854-6, Cecil; 1857-9, New Market; 1860, West Baltimore Circuit; 1861-2, Caroline; 1863-4, Cecil; 1865-6, Bedford; 1867-8, Cambridge; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870-4, superannuated. Author of "Uncle Toby" letters to Methodist Protestant.
- 41. JOHN ROBERTS. Born May 3, 1818; died at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1875. Interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard county, Md. 1843, Cambridge (A.); 1844, Alleghany (A.); 1845, Accomac (A.); 1846, Snow Hill; 1847-8, Harper's Ferry; 1849-50, Howard (A.); 1851, Pipe Creek (A.); 1852-3, Bethlehem; 1854-5, Kent; 1856, Williamsport; 1857-8, Alexandria; 1859, South Baltimore; 1860-2, Queen Anne's; 1863-4, Talbot; 1865-7, Frederick; 1868-70, Howard; 1871-3, Belair; 1874-5, Liberty. Secretary of Annual Conference 1850. Representative to General Conference 1866, 1867, 1870.
- 42. Amon Richards. Born Oct. 31, 1787; died July 12, 1876. 1870, elected to honorary membership.
- 43. ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M. D. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 10, 1813; died at Seaford, Del., Feb. 3, 1877. 1839, Trough Creek; 1840, Caroline; 1841, Snow Hill (A.); 1842, Somerset; 1843, Lewes; 1844-5, Kent (A.); 1846, Prince William; 1847, transferred; 1851-2, Dorchester; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-7, Union; 1858, Alleghany; 1859-60, Baltimore; 1861, Frederick (A.); 1862-3, New Market; 1864, Sussex; 1865, Caroline; 1866-7, Worcester; 1868, Delaware; 1869-71, Cecil; 1872, Peach Bottom; 1873, Seaford (A.); 1874-6, superannuated.
- 44. Daniel Evans Reese. D. D. Western Maryland College, 1868. Born at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17, 1810; died at St. Michael's, Md., April 23, 1877. 1830, Deer Creek (A.); 1831, Mount Olive; 1832, Eastern Shore (A.); 1833, Prince William; 1834, Tabernacle; 1835-6, Deer Creek; 1837, Harper's Ferry; 1838, Anne Arundel; 1839-41, unstationed; 1842-3, East Baltimore; 1844, Georgetown; 1845-6, Deer Creek; 1847-8, Cambridge; 1849-50, Pipe Creek; 1851-2, Alexandria; 1853-4, Ninth-Street; 1855, Salem, Phila.; 1856-7, Charleston, S. C.; 1858-9, West Baltimore; 1860-1, Pipe Creek; 1862-3. Georgetown; 1864-5, Jefferson; 1866-7, Ninth-Street; 1868-70, Talbot; 1871-3, President; 1874, East Baltimore; 1875, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference 1835. Representative to General Conference, 1862. Secretary 1867, 1870.
- 45. Samuel Guest Valiant. Born in Talbot county, Md., Dec. 21, 1852; died there July 11, 1877. 1870-1, Kent (A.); 1872, no appointment at his request; 1873, Alexandria; 1874, no appointment at his request; 1875-6, Laurel; 1877, superannuated.
- 46. WILLIAM C. AMES, D. D. S. Born in Clearfield county, Pa., 1839; died at Burrsville, Md., March 10, 1878. Interred at Burrsville, Md. 1869, Jefferson (A.); 1870-1, Potomac; 1872-3, Concord; 1874-6, Whaleyville; 1877, Caroline.
- 47. JOHN EDGAR READ. Born at Lauraville, Md., August 25, 1846; died at Oxford, Md., July 28, 1878. 1865, Queen Anne's (A.); 1866, Belair (A.); 1867, Jefferson (A.); 1868, Talbot (A.); 1869-71, Lexington-St.; 1872, Talbot (A.); 1873-6, Talbot; 1877-8, Easton.
- 48. THOMAS M. BRYAN. Born in Cecil county, Md., Feb. 1, 1818; died at St. Michael's, Md., May 11, 1879. 1846, Smyrna; 1847, Potomac; 1848, Clearfield; 1849, no appointment at his request; 1850, Accomac; 1851-2, Newtown; 1853-4, Dorchester; 1855-6, superan-

nuated; 1857-8, Sussex; 1859-60, no appointment at his request; 1861-3, superannuated; 1864-5, West Baltimore Circuit; 1866, superannuated.

- 49. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB. Born in King William's county, Va., Sept. 13, 1792; died at Washington, D.C., Dec. 2, 1879. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference 1830; and Secretary 1834, 1838, 1842, 1850, 1858; and President, 1867.
- 50. THOMAS ASBURY MOORE. Born in Sussex county, Del., Jan. 14, 1824; died at Seaford, Del., July 2, 1881. 1845, Newtown (A.); 1846, Cambridge (A.); 1847, Talbot (A.); 1848, Union (A.); 1849-53, unstationed; 1854, Sussex (A.); 1855-6, Sussex; 1:57-8, supernumerary; 1859, Sussex; 1860, supernumerary.
- 51. DAVID NORWOOD GILBERT. Born in Harford county, Md., February 10, 1851, died at Kent Island, Md., August 15, 1881; interred at Wesley Chapel, Harford county, Md. 1873, Queen Anne's (A); 1874, Cecil (A.); 1875, Anne Arundel (A.); 1876, Pocomoke; 1877, Prince William; 1878-80, Quantico; 1881, Kent Island.
- 52. ISAAC TUNNELL ADKINS. Born February 1, 1809; died in Sussex county, Del., October 19, 1881. 1865, Millsborough; 1866, no appointment at his request; 1867, Tyaskin; 1868, Milton; 1869-70, Lower Sussex; 1871-2, Heathsville; 1873-5, Accomac; 1876, Chincoteague; 1877, Potomac; 1878-9, Chincoteague; 1880, superannuated.
- 53. THOMAS LEE. Born in England, June 17, 1821; died at Rainsburg, Pa., July 16, 1882. 1851, Accomac; 1852, Salem; 1853-4, Alleghany; 1855, no appointment at his request; 1856-7, Reading; 1858-9, Caroline; 1860-2, Bedford; 1863-5, superannuated; 1866-7. Susquehanna; 1868, superannuated.
- 54. Peter Light Wilson. Born in Berkeley county, Va., October 20, 1822; died at Johnsville, Md., January 10, 1883. ·1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843 4, Cumberland; 1845, Pipe Creek (A.); 1846, Frederick; 1847, West Baltimore (A.); 1848-9, Bethlehem; 1850-1, Cumberland; 1852 4, Frederick; 1855-6, Ninth-Street; 1857-9, Jefferson; 1860-1, Ninth-Street; 1862-4, Pipe Creek; 1865-8, Broadway; 1869-73, College Agent; 1874, supernumerary; 1875-6, College Agent; 1877, supernumerary. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867.
- 55. THOMAS MCCORMICK. Born in Loudon county, Va., January 5, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., February 22, 1883. 1869, elected to honorary membership.
- 56. CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL. Born in Berks county, Pa., June 20, 1838; died at Deer Park, Md., July 25, 1884. 1859, Howard (A.); 1860, Newtown (A.); 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862, Frederick City; 1863, Anne Arundel (A.); 1864, Salem, Philadelphia; 1865, Snow Hill; 1866, West Baltimore Circuit; 1867, Finksburg; 1868–70, Susquehanna; 1871, Union; 1872–3, Dorchester; 1874 7, Frederick; 187881, Cecil; 1882–3, Pipe Creek; 1884, First Church, Washington.
- 57. James Martin Elderdice. Born in Frederick county, Md., Oct. 14, 1817; died at Barren Creek Springs, Md., Oct. 5, 1884. 1840, Baltimore (A.); 1841, Williamsport (A.); 1842, Talbot; 1843, no appointment at his request; 1844, Howard (A.); 1845-6, Cecil; 1847-8, Liberty; 1849-50, Concord; 1851-2, New Market; 1853-2, Williamsport (A.); 1854-6, Concord; 1857, Snow Hill; 1858-9, Trough Creek; 1860-2, Carlisle; 1863-4, Anne Arundel; 1865-8, Cecil; 1869-70, Sussex; 1871, Seaford; 1872-4, Leipsic; 1875-8, Bedford; 1879, Williamsport; 1880-1, Caroline; 1882-3, Sussex; 1884, Union.
- 58. ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY. Born at Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 19, 1856; died at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1884. 1879, Eutaw; 1880, Frederick (A.); 1881 2, Broadway; 1883, no appointment at his request; 1884, Georgetown (A.)
- 59. HENRY EDWARD MISKIMON. Born in Harford county, Md., April 15, 1845; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 12, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. 1866, Newtown (A.); 1867, Talbot (A.); 1868-70, Kennedyville; 1871-4, Harper's Ferry; 1875-6, Ellicott City; 1877-8, Salisbury; 1879-80, Seaford; 1881-4, Heathsville.
- 60. Joseph Alexander McFadden. Born in Augusta, Ga., January 11, 1825; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Appointments: 1847, Queen Anne's (A.); 1848, Williamsport (A.); 1849, Kent (A.); 1850, Jeffer-

son; 1851-2, Coneord; 1853, Briekmaker's; 1854-5, Pipe Creek $(\Lambda.)$; 1856-7, Cambridge; 1858, Baltimore; 1859, West Baltimore Circuit; 1860-1, New Market; 1862-4, Union; 1865, Washington-Street; 1866-73, superannuated; 1874, Seaford; 1875-85, superannuated.

61. Alfred Baker. Born June 4, 1813; died January 17, 1885. Appointments: 1841-3, Concord: 1844, Baltimore (A.); 1845-6, superannuated; 1847, Baltimore: 1848, superannuated; 1849, Patuxent; 1850-1, Frederick: 1852-6, superannuated; 1857, Frederick: (A.); 1858, superannuated; 1864, Montgomery; 1865, no appointment at his request; 1866, Montgomery; 1867, no appointment at his request; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870, supernumerary.

62. CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON. A. B. Western Maryland College, 1876. Born at Washington, D. C., July 24, 1854; died at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16, 1886. Appointments: 1876, Abingdon, Va.; 1877, no appointment at his request; 1878, Kent (A.); 1879-80, Hampden; 1881-2, East Baltimore; 1883, Atlanta, Ga.; 1884-5, Alexandria.

63. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817; died at Johnsville, Md., July 19, 1886; buried at Union Bridge, Carroll county, Md., July 22, 1886. 1843-4, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1845, Williamsport; 1846, Potomae; 1847, Cumberland; 1848, Snow Hill; 1849, Queen Anne's; 1850, Kent, Assis't; 1851-2, Mount Zion; 1853-4, Deer Creek; 1855-6, New Market; 1857, Cecil; 1858-9, Carlisle; 1860-1, E. Washington; 1862-3, Salem, Philadelphia; 1864-5, Cumberland; 1866, Caroline; 1867, Salisbury; 1868-9, Finksburg; 1870-1, Frederick; 1872-4, Cecil; 1875-7, Howard; 1878, Stewartstown; 1879, superannuated.

64. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMER, M. D. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5, 1824; died in Vienna, Md., December 4, 1886. 1844, Union, Assis't; 1845, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1846, Lewes; 1847-9, Dorehester; 1850, Cambridge, Assis't; 1851-3, Howard; 1854-5, Brickmaker's; 1856-57, S. Baltimore; 1858-9, Queen Anne's; 1860-1, E. Baltimore; 1862-3, Jefferson; 1864-5, Liberty; 1866-7, Georgetown; 1868-70, Belair; 1871-4, Washington-Street; 1875-6, Broadway; 1877-9, Anne Arundel; 1880-1, Milton; 1882-4, Cecil; 1885-6, Dorehester.

65. DANIEL FITCHETT EWELL, M. D. Born in Aeeomae eounty, Va., January 24, 1817, died March 17, 1888, at Clayton, Del. 1838, Shippensburg, Assis't; 1839-41, Dorchester; 1842, Church Creek; 1843, Briekmaker's, Phila.; 1844-5, Union; 1846-8, Newtown; 1849, Aeeomac; 1850, Dorchester; 1851, no appointment at his request; 1852-5, unstationed; 1857-8, Anne Arundel; 1859-61, Warwiek; 1862-5, Delaware; 1866, Washington-Street; 1867-70, Warwiek; 1871, Talbot; 1872-84, superannuate; 1885 Powellsville; 1886, Talbot; 1887, Clayton.

66. WILLIAM FRANCIS LIVINGSTON. Born in Worcester eounty, Md., May 16, 1836; died November 29, 1888, at Westminster, Md. 1861, New Market, Assis't; 1862, Cecil, Assis't; 1863-71, no appointment; 1872-3, Williamsport; 1874-7, Concord; 1878-80, Deer Creek; 1881-2, Middleway; 1883-7, Potomac; 1888, superannuate.

67. CHARLES MCFEELY THOMPSON. Born July 22d, 1843; died April 9, 1889. 1868, Whaleyville, Ass't; 1869, St. Michael's; 1870; Anne Arundel, Ass't; 1871, Norfolk; 1872-3, Seaford; 1874-5, Milton; 1876-8, Chesapeake; 1879-83, Susquehanna; 1884, Finksburg; 1885, Leipsie; 1886, Clayton; 1887-9, Harrington.

168. ROBERT THOMAS SMITH. Born in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20th, 1850; died May 20, 1889, in Washington, D. C. 1874, Belair, Ass't; 1875, Norfolk; 1876, All Saints; 1877-8, Crumpton; 1879-80, Kent Island; 1881, Cumberland; 1882-3, Baltimore; 1884, Eutaw; 1885-7, Rowlandville; 1888-9, without appointment.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

APRIL 2D, 1890.

The Sixty-second Session of the Marvland Annual Conference met in Christ Church, Chestertown, Md., at 9 A. M., April 2d, 1890.

President W. M. Strayer opened the Conference by reading the 23d Psalm. Hymn 635 was sung and prayer offered.

The President called W. S. Hammond to the chair, read his annual report (Report A), and his character was passed.

The roll was called by the Secretary.

The death of C. M. Thompson and R. T. Smith being announced, their names were transferred to the Dead Roll.

W. S. Hammond called the Dead Roll.

H. G. Cowan's name was stricken from the roll, having received a letter of dismissal from the President.

The name of J. H. Maynard was committed to the President.

The names of alternates were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

A motion that the words "names only to be read" be inserted in Section 2, Rule 28, after the phrase "including the Dead Roll" was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The report of the Committee on Rules was accepted and request made that they be printed in the Conference Daily.

J. J. Murray stated that Augustus Webster was unable to attend Conference because of his enfeebled physical condition. The Committee on Fraternal Relations was requested to reply to the communication of A. Webster.

On motion of W. R. Graham, the time for the daily sessions was fixed as follows: Meet at 9 A. M.; recess from 12 to 2.30, and adjourn at pleasure.

The bar of the house was fixed at the third arch.

The Conference decided to hold memorial services before the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The Conference sermon was preached by L. W. Bates from Philippians 1st chapter, 10th verse.

After recess the Conference reassembled. A. J. Walter was ap-

pointed Conference Postmaster.

Order of the day having arrived, Conference proceeded to the election of officers. F. T. Benson and T. H. Bartlett were appointed tellers.

W. M. Strayer was elected President and W. R. Graham Secretary. J. W. Kirk was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary, on motion, cast the ballot of the Conference for the following stewards:

Conference—D. W. Anstine.

Home Missionary-S. C. Ohrum.

Superannuated Fund—J. M. Sheridan.

Foreign Missionary—J. W. Balderston.

Educational—F. T. Benson.

General Home Missionary—E. O. Ewing.

C. H. Day was selected as the Assistant Conference Steward.

The report of the Secretary was submitted and referred to the Committee on Finance (Report B).

Ballots were cast for the Standing District Committee, and the tellers retired to count the votes.

10.30 o'clock Thursday was fixed as the time to hear J. B. Walker, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

The President announced the list of Standing Committees.

The roll was called and the pastors deposited their reports. Communications were received and referred as follows:

From the Quarterly Conference of Starr Church to the Faculty; from W. H. Houck of Williamsport to Committee on Missions; from G. A. Ogg to the Faculty: from Chatsworth and St. John's Inde-

G. A: Ogg to the Faculty; from Chatsworth and St. John's Independent Methodist Churches to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A letter from R. W. Berryman was read and filed.

A letter from F. C. Klein was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Revs. J. R. Campbell of the Presbyterian Church and E. H. Nelson of the Methodist Episcopal Church were introduced to the Conference.

Tellers reported the result of election for the Standing District Committee.

William Dale, J. D. Kinzer and W. B. Usilton were elected. The Secretary was ordered to cast the vote of the Conference for L. W. Bates, W. J. C. Dulany, and W. G. Baker.

Ballots were cast for the Committee on Appeals and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The President recommended that, as Aloysius Green and J. H. Maynard had irregularly withdrawn from the Methodist Protestant Church, the Secretary be instructed to erase their names from the record. Adopted.

A resolution respecting the connection of the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the W. F. M. S. with the Conference was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. R. Campbell.

EVENING.

Memorial services were held and addresses delivered by S. B. Southerland, J. M. Holmes and J. A. Smith, at the conclusion of which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Approved: W. M. Strayer.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

APRIL 3D, 1890.

Conference opened with devotional services conducted by W. J. Neepier.

Communications were received and referred as follows: From Powellsville, Cumberland, Seaford, Sussex and Felton to Committee on Missions; from Franklin City, Caroline and Milton to Committee on Boundaries; from Fawn Grove to the Faculty.

A communication from Potomac was divided. The part relating to destroyed church property was referred to a special committee, the remainder to the Faculty.

The tellers reported the vote for the Committee on Appeals. No election. The Secretary was ordered to cast the vote of the Conference for J. D. Kinzer, T. D. Valiant, W. S. Hammond, T. H. Bartlett and S. S. Ewell.

J. J. Murray was granted leave of absence.

A communication from Levin L. Waters, of Princess Anne, Md., respecting the sale of a church at Dame's Quarter was read and R. W. Mowbray was requested to draw up a paper legally authorizing the President to sign the deed.

A communication from Grove was referred to Committees on Boundaries and Missions.

J. B. Walker addressed the Conference.

G. R. Hodge was appointed to collect the Home Missionary dues and C. E. McCullough the dues for superannuates.

The report of the Committee on Rules was considered by items. (See Manual.)

Section 3 under Organization of Conference was stricken out.

The Duties of the Secretary were amended by the introduction of a new section and the amendment of Sections 6 and 10.

Standing Committees were amended by striking out the Committees on Unfinished Business and Publication of Minutes and amending the Committees on Finance, President's Report and Sabbath O b servance.

Under motions, Rule 8 was stricken out and Rules 9 and 10 amended.

Under Decorum, Rules 20, 22 and 24 were amended.

Under Order of Business for the Annual Session, Rules 28, 30 and 31 were amended.

Under Order of Business for the Diurnal Sessions, Rules 34, 36, 38 and 40 were amended.

Under Duties of the President, Sections 1 and 6 were amended and Section 5 stricken out.

Under Duties of Pastors, Section 1 was amended.

A new rule was introduced under the head of Expenses of Conference.

The subject of mortgaging church property was amended, and Section 2 of Superannuated Fund Regulations was stricken out.

A new standing committee, to be known as Committee on Credentials, was created, and the report adopted as a whole.

J. T. Murray, S. R. Murray and A. D. Melvin were granted leave of absence.

The death of Thomas F., son of J. J. Murray, was announced and a resolution of condolence offered by F. T. Tagg and L. W. Bates was adopted unanimously by a standing vote. (Resolution 1).

A resolution of W. R. Graham and J. W. Kirk respecting our educational work was adopted. (Resolution 2).

The report of the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society was read and considered by items. (Report N).

Item 1, the part preceding the review of the appropriations, was adopted.

Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Item 3 was amended by a substitute in the form of a resolution offered by T. H. Lewis and J. S. Bowers.

Items 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Item 7 was amended by substituting the blanks as now issued by the committee.

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was referred to Committee on Education and he was allowed to read the report at the educational meeting at night. (Report P).

The report of the Book Directory was submitted and read. The last item was referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations and the remainder to Committee on Literature.

The Committee on Official Character submitted a partial report. The report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted. (Report C).

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. L. Straughn.

Approved: W. M. Strayer.

THIRD DAY-FRIDAY.

APRIL 4TH, 1890.

J. E. Nicholson conducted religious services.

D. S. Stephens, editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, and J. F. Cowan, editor of Sunday-school literature, were introduced to the Conference.

Communications from Centreville, Crumpton and Chincoteague were referred to the Committee on Missions; from Snow Hill to Boundaries.

The report of the Committee on Official Character was read and recommitted.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was read and considered by items.

Item 1 was adopted.

A substitute for Item 2, offered by W. S. Hammond and J. W. Charlton, that the request of Chatsworth be granted, provided it can be done without detriment to our work, was laid on the table. An amendment striking out the name in the item and inserting "a minister," was laid on the table. Item 2 was then adopted.

Rev. J. T. Kent, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and L. C. Inglis, of the Sabbath Association of Maryland, were introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was suspended to hear the report on Pulpit Services.

Conference took recess.

After recess Item 3 of the report on Fraternal Relations was lost and the report adopted. (Report D).

On motion, L. W. Bates was requested to furnish his Conference sermon for publication in the minutes.

The report of the special committee on the paper legally authorizing the President to sign the deed for the sale of Dame's Quarter church was read and adopted.

10.30 o'clock Saturday was fixed as the time to hear L. C. Inglis. Mrs. C. M. Thompson's case was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants with the recommendation that one hundred and fifty dollars be paid at once.

Conference gave place to the Home Missionary Society.

Conference adjourned with benediction by W. M. Sirayer.

Approved: . W. M. Strayer.

FOURTH DAY-SATURDAY.

APRIL 5TH, 1890.

Religious services were conducted by J. W. Grant.

A letter from R. W. Berryman was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

The request of the Board of Managers of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society for a missionary and that the money collected for Home Missions in Baltimore City be paid to the Treasurer of that Board was granted. (Resolution 12).

A partial report of the Faculty was submitted and adopted. (Report F).

G. W. Haddaway was called, and a pledge was given by him to continue the course of studies if ordained.

The ordination service was fixed for Sunday morning after preaching.

A letter from J. P. Posten was filed.

H. S. Johnson, Q. L. Morrow and C. W. McAllister, recommended for admission into the Itinerancy, were called before the Conference and addressed by the President.

The report of the Committee on Official Character was read and the delinquents excused with the understanding that the law be observed hereafter.

The report was adopted for publication. (Report E).

L. C. Inglis addressed the Conference in the interest of a better observance of the Sabbath.

On motion of W. R. Graham, Conference decided to adjourn at 1 o'clock and have no afternoon session.

A communication from Cambridge was referred to the Committee on Missions without reading.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was submitted and by rule was laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

C. E. McCullough reported \$107 collected for Superannuates.

The report on the President's Report was submitted and considered by items.

Item 6 was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Item 11 was amended by inserting "committee to report at this Conference if practicable."

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 were adopted.

Eleven o'clock Monday morning was fixed as the time to consider the suggestion of Item 8, regarding young men for the Itinerancy.

A motion was made to adopt Item 14.

While this motion was pending, the Conference adjourned with benediction.

Approved: W. M. Strayer.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY.

APRIL 7TH, 1890.

Religious services were conducted by J. L. Elderdice.

A paper from L. C. Inglis, representing the Maryland Tract Society, was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

D. S. Stephens, editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, and Mr. Bullock, of Kansas City, addressed the Conference in behalf of the proposed Kansas City University, and the subject was referred to a special committee.

W. R. Barry, a layman from Chatsworth Independent Methodist Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Benjamin Stout, Secretary of General Home Missions, and T. H. Myers, of the Maryland Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

A partial report of the Faculty was read and considered by items.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. Item 4 was withdrawn. (Report F).

The request of the President that certain brethren should be ordained and others put in his hands was referred to the Faculty with instruction to report.

Item 14 of President's Report was referred to a committee of three ministers and two laymen with instructions to report at the next Conference.

Conference took recess.

Upon reassembling, the report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society was read and adopted. (Report G).

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was considered by items.

Items 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted. Items 2 and 6 were divided. The part relating to appropriation was referred to Committee on Home Missions and the item adopted. Item 5 was amended by attaching Spindler's to Stewartstown and Union to Finksburg. Item 10 was laid on the table.

Item 15 of the report of Committee on President's Report was adopted and the report adopted as a whole. (Report H).

Upon invitation, the Conference voted to hold its next session at West Baltimore, and fixed the time for the first Wednesday in April, 1891.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and amended by inserting "insist that the superintendents be elected by law." (Report I).

The report of the Committee on Literature was read and adopted. (Report J).

An additional report of the Faculty was considered by items. Item 1 was adopted, and Item 2 was withdrawn. (Report F).

The report of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary was read and adopted. (Report P).

The report of the special committee on the Kansas City University was read and adopted. (Report K).

The report of the Committee on Education was read and made the order of the day for 10 o'clock Tuesday.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. (Report L).

The request of B. W. Kindley to be left without an appointment was granted.

A partial report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was postponed until Tuesday.

The report of the special committee to prepare forms for reports to Quarterly Conferences was read and adopted. (Report M).

The report of the Committee on a Financial Plan was read and a substitute was offered by J. R. Caton and T. H. Lewis.

A resolution of J. B. Jones and H. S. Johnson was referred to the Committee on Missions; a communication respecting Ellicott City to Boundaries.

The Secretary, by order of the Conference, called the roll for the purpose of having the ministers indicate the relation they wish to sustain for the ensuing year.

E. R. McGregor was left without appointment at his own request.

The Conference adjourned with benediction by W. M. Strayer.

Approved: W. M. Strayer.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

APRIL 8TH, 1890.

B. F. Jester opened the Conference.

J. F. Cowan addressed the Conference in the interest of Sunday School literature.

The application of the delegate from Harrington was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The report of the Steward of the Home Missionary Fund was read and adopted. (Report N).

The item on an appropriation for Talbot was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was read and adopted. (Report O).

The report of the Conference Steward was submitted, totals read

and report adopted. (See tables).

A resolution of J. T. Lassell and J. K. Nichols was adopted. (Resolution 3).

A resolution of J. S. Topham and T. B. Marche was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted with the amendment after "President" "or the Faculty." (Report P).

A resolution of T. H. Lewis and D. L. Greenfield was adopted. (Resolution 4).

An additional report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations respecting the loan of J. T. Murray to the Maryland Tract Society was adopted. (Report D).

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read and a motion made to take it up by items.

Conference took recess.

After recess, the report of the Committee to Incorporate the Maryland Annual Conference was read and adopted. (Report Q).

A resolution of R. W. Mowbray and L. W. Bates was read. A substitute, "that the incorporated trustees provide a Conference seal immediately," was adopted.

An additional report of the Committee on Boundaries was read

and considered by items.

Item 1 was adopted and Item 2 amended by adding, "provided the President can supply both charges," and the report adopted. (Report R).

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was adopted by

items. (Report S).

The appropriation to Harper's Ferry was stricken out. Sussex and Harper's Ferry were transferred to the list of Circuits and Stations.

The report of the Steward of the Superannuated Fund was read and adopted. (Report T).

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 5 was amended by adding, "if, in his judgment, it be expedient," and the report adopted as a whole. (Report U).

A resolution of F. T. Tagg and L. W. Bates was adopted. (Resolution 5).

A resolution of J. D. Kinzer and T. H. Lewis was adopted. (Resolution 6).

The report of the Committee on Finance was submitted and adopted. (Report V).

The report of the special committee on the paper presented in the House of Representatives respecting Mt. Olivet Church was read and adopted. (Report W).

Conference took recess until 7.30 P. M.

After recess, the report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read and adopted. (Report X).

The report of the Committee on Financial Plan was read and adopted. (Report Y).

A resolution of J. D. Kinzer and F. T. Little respecting the loan of money to the Church Extension Society of Baltimore was adopted. (Resolution 7).

The report of the Steward of the Foreign Missionary Fund was read and adopted. (See Tables).

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted. (Report Z).

The report of the Agent of the Presidential Parsonage was read, and a committee appointed to audit it with instructions to report and make some provision for settling the account.

A resolution of J. A. Smith was adopted. (Resolution 8).

A resolution of J. W. Trout and W. H. Stone was read.

The amendment striking out "a sufficient number" and inserting 4,000 blanks for Quarterly Conferences and 40,000 cards was lost. The resolution was divided and each part lost.

The report of the Committee on General Home Missions was read and adopted. (Report AA).

The report of the special committee on the report of the Agent of the Presidential Parsonage was read. The part relating to the auditing of the accounts was referred to the agent. Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 were adopted, and the report adopted as a whole. (Report BB).

Resolutions of thanks were adopted. (Resolution 9).

. It was ordered that one of the duties of the Committee on Fraternal Relations be the preparation of suitable resolutions of thanks at each session of the Conference.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the Financial Plan was lost. The report of the Committee on Statistics was submitted, totals read and the report was adopted. (See Tables).

A resolution of the Quarterly Conference of N. C. Avenue was re-

ferred to the special committee on Suffrage and Eligibility.

A resolution of S. J. Smith and J. M. Sheridan relating to Chil-

dren's Day collection was adopted. (Resolution 10).

On motion, the President was ordered to appoint a committee of six, consisting of three ministers and three laymen, for the purpose of procuring articles of incorporation for the Church Extension Society in accordance with the Minutes of 1889, page 51.

A resolution of J M. Yingling and J. E. Maloy was adopted.

(Resolution 11).

A resolution of J. M. Yingling and J. C. Littleton respecting the ordination of certain candidates was indefinitely postponed.

The President read his appointments (Report CC), and the Conference at 10.30 P. M. adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in April, 1891, at West Baltimore Station.

Approved: W. M. Strayer.

W. R. GRAHAM, Secretary.

REPORTS.

A.—See page 17.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: From our various fields of labor we have gathered to the sixty-second session of our Conference.

DEATHS.

A few hours after the adjournment of our last session, before his appointment reached him, Bro. Charles McFeely Thompson passed to his reward.

On the 20th of May, after a long period of invalidism, Bro. Robert T. Smith entered into rest. We extend our hearty sympathy to the families of our deceased brethren, and assure them that we will ever pray for their weal-Suitable obituaries will be reported by the committees.

CHARGES LEFT UNSUPPLIED.

Just before the last Conference adjourned, it released Rev. E. A. Warfield from Mt. Tabor. This greatly embarrassed both the President and Mt. Tabor, until Rev. Henry C. Cushing, a superannuate, was induced to take charge of the church. In doing this Bro. Cushing relinquished his claim as a superannuate, relieving to that extent this overburdened fund.

Immediately after Conference, Brother George A. Felter, on a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of Grove Circuit, was placed in charge of Franklin City Circuit.

On May 27th, Rev. George F. Kindley, being recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Frederick Circuit, was appointed pastor at Ellicott City, and has accomplished a grand work.

Rev. J. A. Weigand, one of our most deeply afflicted superannuates, residing at Milton, Del., was requested to take charge of Georgetown, Del., and Indian Missions. Notwithstanding his extreme feebleness he has rendered valuable service. On July the 17th, Bro. Quincey L. Morrow, being recommended to the President by the Quarterly Conference of Broadway, was put in charge of the vacant work at Harper's Ferry.

In the early part of the year Rev. Chas. B. Gruber united with the Hampden Methodist Protestant Church on a certificate of good standing from the Church of the "United Brethren in Christ," and being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Hampden Church, was appointed to fill the vacancy at Harrington, occasioned by the death of Rev. Chas. McFeely Thompson. He entered upon the work with great zeal, and gave promise of large usefulness; but on November the 2d he was peremptorily dismissed from the work by the official members of that circuit, on the charge that he had

been guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister and Christian. On the 27th of November he signed an acknowledgment of his guilt in the presence of witnesses, surrendered his parchment to his pastor, Rev. John L. Straughn, and went out of the ministry and church followed by the pity and prayers of all who were acquainted with the circumstances. Since Mr. Gruber's dismissal, Rev. W. J. D. Lucas, one of our superannuates, has rendered such service as feeble health permitted. The work has not suffered, and the prompt and heroic action of the church has won the respect of all lovers of virtue.

CHANGES.

On the 13th of October, Bro. Aloysius Green, a probationer of this Conference, serving on Reliance Circuit, abandoned his work and irregularly withdrew from the church. On the 6th of November I placed Bro. J. W. Parris, bearing a recommendation from Harrington Quarterly Conference, in charge of Reliance Circuit.

By request of the Board of Foreign Missions, on November the 6th I released Rev. E. H. Vandyke from Cumberland for the work in Japan, and, with the consent of the Quarterly Conference of Frederick Circuit, removed Bro. C. E. McCullough and placed him in charge at Cumberland.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE WORK.

So much time was occupied in arranging for work left unsupplied by the last Conference, in attending the Board of Home Missions at Grafton, W. Va., in repeated visits to points demanding special attention, and by five weeks of sickness, that I have found it impossible to visit all the charges, even in the most hurried manner. I have done the best possible under the circumstances. I have traveled and preached incessantly. I have made seventy-six official visits, held forty Quarterly Conferences, and twenty-two members' meetings, where Quarterly Conferences seemed impracticable, and where the local necessities demanded attention. On some of the more feeble charges I have visited a majority of the members in their homes and tried to study their condition, and inspire them with hope and confidence. I have conducted an official correspondence requiring six hundred letters and three hundred and twenty-five postals. I have organized one Annual Conference and have trav-· eled seven thousand eight hundred and forty-seven miles by public conveyance, to say nothing of the travel by private conveyance over the circuits. From observation and correspondence, I think I may report the work in fair condition.

I am not able to report the number of conversions, nor the amount expended in improvement of church property, yet I can say we have had some glorious revivals, and a degree of quickening at almost every point, and the church property has been handsomely improved in many places.

While a majority of our pastors and people evince high appreciation of the distinctive privileges guaranteed to them in the Methodist Protestant Church, and labor earnestly to advance her interests, yet there are some who seem to have no appreciation of these things, and have failed; through lack of conservation and effort to accomplish all that is within the range of possible achievement. The esprit de corps of the church may be improved in many particu-

lars. There should be a more prevalent desire and earnest purpose to extend the church into communities not yet occupied. Some of our pastors have no missionary spirit. They till their little field as though its boundaries rimmed the universe. If all the pastors in the past had been like some of the pastors of to-day, some of the pastors of to-day would have been without a pastorate.

Sometimes, when the pastor is animated with the idea that the field is the world, the narrow policy of his Quarterly Conference ties his hands and restrains him from enterprises which might win large success for the denomination. This inert policy has lost us many opportunities for planting new churches, and has given more aggressive churches fine opportunity to alienate valuable members who were not convenient to our churches.

If we do not intend to surrender our legitimate resources to other denominations, we must take hold of this kind of work with a purpose to plant our church in every place that will yield to patient cultivation.

The policy of giving up work should be abandoned. The law says: "No appointment shall be dropped from a circuit, except at the last Quarterly Conference, subject to the revision of the Annual Conference." Yet appointments have been dropped, and good church property and valuable territory irredeemably lost, through the action of Quarterly Conferences and the indolence and indifference of pastors. When this Conference is asked to endorse the dropping of an appointment, it should inquire diligently whether the request comes from men whose love for the church inclines them to make sacrifices for the cause; and any pastor who drops an appointment, or by neglect allows an appointment to run down, should be held severely accountable.

The prompt payment of the President's salary would enable him to do more effective work. Some of the charges have behaved handsomely, paid the assessment, and said come and see us if you can, but go first where the church most needs you.

While we should nurture to the extent of our ability all churches and pastors needing help, yet we should be careful not to use our limited means to perpetuate a spirit of mendicancy which will neither sow nor reap, but only beg at the door of church funds for money to make good deficiencies resulting from indolence and bad management.

We should insist upon the development of all sources of revenue in the churches assisted by our Home Mission fund. There are some points in the District worthy of special attention.

Cumberland, a point of commercial and manufacturing interest, and to our denomination an important strategic base, should be inspired and encouraged to take a new departure, and move to a location where it is possible to conduct a religious service to the edification of the worshipers. With a good church, in a good location, and a constant influx of Methodist Protestants from the surrounding country, and a native population never antagonistic to our church, we might hope in a short time to develop a strong and aggressive church.

Centreville, an old church of heroic history, ever loyal to the denomination, and as generous as loyal, now depleted by deaths and burdened by a debt incurred in providing for the denomination the most beautiful and comfortable

church in the town, needs to be fostered. Let us not think material support lost on this church as long as we can give it an effective supply.

Wilmington and Cambridge are points at which we failed many years ago, and some people regard our present work as an unpromising experiment. We must nurture these points and make them a success. The pulpits must adequately represent the denomination, and at Wilmington the pastor must have the moral support of the Conference in moulding the character of the membership.

I congratulate the Conference on the success of Western Maryland College and the Theological Seminary located at Westminster, in this State. The College has won a first place among the educational institutions of the State and is bearing fruit in many communities in a more intelligent and appreciative church membership. The Seminary is doing a grand work in training a ministry for our Conference and Church.

I will also call attention to the good work being done by the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and bespeak for the society a sympathetic hearing if it makes a request of this body.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, through its Maryland Branch, appeals to us for moral support. I think it would inspire these earnest workers were we to establish an order for a meeting at each annual session, to be addressed by ladies to be appointed by the Maryland Branch.

I recommend that the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, who has taken considerable pains to make the meeting in the interest of his Board a success, be consulted as to the time for his meeting, and that the time be fixed to-day, that he may notify the gentlemen who are to address the meeting.

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory will present the condition of the Book Concern and make a request worthy of grave consideration.

In surveying the work, and estimating the possibilities of our Church, I am supremely impressed with the fact that we need more men for the pastoral work. While the Seminary is doing a good work, we cannot depend on it to supply the demand. We must utilize earnest, consecrated men, who feel that God has called them to the work, even though they may not measure up to the desired literary standard. We have in our Church to-day a large number of young men of good social standing, with the prestige of an honored family name, who have all the refinement of good Christian society and all the culture of our best schools. Men who know how to think and how to voice their thoughts. With the dew of youth on their brows they are standing at the threshold of life's activities, ready to consecrate themselves to some vocation. Why should they not be ministers at God's altars? Why should not our noblest and best conspire with us and with God in saving the world? It is said these young men prefer trade in which they may acquire wealth, or politics in which they may achieve preferment and power, or secular professions in which they may gain both wealth and distinction. But would they prefer these if God called them, and would not God call them if we called on God to send strong and competent men into our ministry? The Master said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Do we thus pray? Do we not lift a little collection for the Seminary, and for the Board of Ministerial Education, and think we have done our whole duty by relegating the whole matter to these inadequate auxiliaries? Great preachers are born in great revivals, and the idea grows on me that the Church needs a tremendous awakening, a baptism of the Holy Ghost that will sanctify us all more fully to God and will bring our bravest and best young men to the front, inquiring, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

It seems to me this Conference cannot do better than to devote a part of one day to the prayerful discussion of the need of the hour.

In November I visited our work in South Carolina and organized the "Charleston Mission Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church." Rev. E. R. Washington was elected President, and reports his work in a prosperous condition. I was greatly indebted to Rev. F. T. Tagg, who rendered me invaluable assistance in organizing this Conference. I have raised \$109.00 to pay a debt on one of these churches, \$100.00 from the St. John's Board of Beneficence and \$9.00 from the Church at large. We should extend moral support to this work, and the President or some other competent member of this Conference should be authorized to visit the next session of their Conference, to be held at Eutawville, S. C., on the third Wednesday in November, 1890.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted:

1. President's Parsonage. Recommended that the Conference fix the percent. of President's salary to be paid to trustees of the property to defray annual expenses.

2. A Financial Plan. It is not heroic to allow past failures in this direction to deter us from further effort. If we cannot adopt a plan covering every feature of church finance, we should at least have a definite, understandable plan for the collection of Conference assessments. This plan should settle the basis of assssement both to the charges and the various appointments on the respective charges, and should contain distinct instructions to pastors and stewards as to the working of the plan. It should also provide for its enforcement. Some of our people oppose Conference collections, and they embarrass the pastor in taking them. Some of our pastors cannot originate a plan, and fail to secure the money even where there is no opposition. Some are weak, and without a plan with Conference authority cannot resist the least opposition.

Some of our pastors are weak in another direction. They never object to anything in Conference, but they go to their people and complain about the number and size of the assessments, and make but little effort to secure the amount. These pastors need a plan and, need to be taught that they cannot pass the bar of this Conference without a severe reprimand if they fail to work the plan in the spirit of the plan. Some of our loyal people have complained to me because their pastor paid so little attention to the collections, and the credit of the church suffered on account of pastoral negligence. I am personally acquainted with the fact that in some places other churches, with fewer members and less ability, raised three dollars where we raised one. This

is an evil. It can, and, therefore, should be remedied. Going but once into a community this year, I have visited members of our church, and they have voluntarily placed in my hands money for church interests which might have been collected by the pastor without any effort beyond a pastoral visit. The visit had not been made and nothing had been said about money.

While on this subject, you will pardon me for saying that, in my judgment, our present assessments do not justly distribute these burdens.

3. Quarterly Conference Records. These records are of vital importance to the church and should be well kept in a book of respectable size and quality, so that when we are called upon to make an exhibit we can do so with pride. Yet, in many places these records are shamefully neglected, and transactions involving thousands of dollars are kept in a way that would make any business man blush if the records had to be exposed.

I therefore recommend that the Quarterly Conferences be required to send the Quarterly Conference journals to the Annual Conference for inspection, and that a permanent committee be ordered to examine these journals and see that they are properly kept and that no Quarterly Conference action has been taken in contravention of our Book of Discipline and Conference Rules. I hope the Conference will seriously consider this recommendation.

4. Official Reports. I recommend that you order the preparation of a blank for the quarterly report of pastors to the President, covering the entire field of pastoral work. Such a blank would enable the pastor to report his entire work to the President in the minimum of words and figures, and would give the President a tolerably clear idea of the condition of the work and enable him to make brief, yet full and interesting quarterly reports to the general church. Such a report would stimulate the careless and indolent pastor to greater care and activity.

5. Order of Business for Quarterly Conferences. I also recommend the preparation of an order of business for each session of the Quarterly Conference, which will bring, by direct question, every official member face to face with his work and demand an account of his stewardship. Every quarter the unstationed minister, preacher, exhorter, class-leader, and Sunday-school superintendent will report the work done during the quarter, and the stewards the amounts collected for pastor's salary, president's salary, general benevolence, and contingent expenses. Such an order of business and reports would make necessary blank forms for all officials, but these could be supplied at a nominal expense.

6. Suffrage and Eligibility. I recommend that the rule on Suffrage and Eligibility be so extended as to admit, when necessary, of the election of women to the offices of steward, class-leader and Sunday-school superintendent.

7. Church Law. I recommend the establishment of another chair in the Faculty of Instruction, to teach the theory and practice of our Church government. Now we crowd this all into one brief examination in the preparatory course, dividing the time with another study. Then we go on teaching the candidate for ordination theology, homiletics and history, and at the end of three years turn him out to work with a machine that he does not understand—sometimes not capable of holding a Quarterly Conference, or of defining the duties of his official members, not knowing his own powers and

limitations. This instruction should run through the entire course, and a lack of proficiency should be held as a bar to ordination, and as a sufficient reason for the cancellation of orders where a man has been ordained prior to his graduation, and with the understanding that he is to complete his course. Nearly all the troubles we have had have grown out of this defective knowledge of the book and how to administer it. There is a crying necessity for this better training.

8. Committee on Vacant Churches. I recommend the discontinuance of this committee. Without intending to reflect unkindly on the action of the Conference in ordering this committee, or to criticise the work of the committee, it seems to me there is no place for it in Methodism. Methodism is progressive, but such a committee is retrogressive. We should have no vacant churches. Let us determine to retrieve the life of the church where it has failed, and find a live pastor for every church.

In concluding this report I wish to officially honor the munificent generosity of Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, who, through your President, has distributed \$450 toward the relief of needy pastors. I would also make appreciative mention of the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, which has distributed a handsome sum to superannuates, and \$360 to itinerants. I wish to record my gratitude to God for his kind providence, under which I have traveled without accident or delay, for the grace that has sustained me and made the preaching of the Gospel a delight to my own soul and a comfort to others; and to my brethren and sisters, both in the ministry and laity, for uniform kindness and Christian sympathy, as I have gone among them caring for the churches, and preaching the Gospel of the Son of God. May God fill us with his peace, and vouchsafe a spiritual and harmonious session.

Respectfully submitted by your servant in the Gospel,

W. M. STRAYER.

B.—See page 18.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.		
From Conference Steward. " Minutes sold " Advertisement	11.40	\$262.21
Expenditures.		drower .
For Printing 1200 copies of Minutes. " Official Blanks " Expressage. " Freight on Package. " Dulany's Bill. " Postage " Recording Journal. " Stationery.	236.74 6.00 .40 .25 7.00 2.27 7.00 1.89	261.55
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W. R. GRAHAM, Secretary.

C.—See page 21. CREDENTIALS.

Your committee, having examined the credentials placed in their hands by the Secretary, would respectfully report that they found them correct.

R. H. POWELL, Chairman.

D.—See page 22.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to report as follows: First, that the request of St. John's Church, for the return of the Rev. J. J. Murray for another year, be granted.

Second, that the request of Chatsworth Methodist Church for the services of Rev. T. O. Crouse as pastor for the ensuing year be granted.

Third, that the request of the Maryland Tract Society for the assignment of Dr. J. T. Murray as agent of that Society be granted.

R. L. LEWIS, Chairman.

E.—See page 23.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

The Committee on Official Character beg leave to submit the following report:

The reports are found to be correct with the following exceptions. Churches and parsonages with no insurance: Anne Arundel, Starr, Crumpton, Ellicott City, Franklin City, Harper's Ferry, Kent Island, Cumberland, Amelia, Milton, Talbot, Indian River, Felton, Leipsic, Bedford, Sussex, Union. Churches without full insurance: Pittsville, two churches and parsonage; Pocomoke Circuit, three churches; Quantico, four churches; Belair, three churches; Clayton, two churches; South Baltimore, one church; Accomac, one parsonage; Jefferson, one church; Potomac, two churches; Howard, one church; Grove, two churches; Reliance, two churches; Frederick, eight churches; Liberty, one church and parsonage; Middleway, one church; Surry, one church and parsonage; Susquehanna, one church and parsonage; Dorchester, three churches and parsonage.

Brethren who failed to present each new member with a Discipline as ordered by the General Conference: T. O. Crouse, W. J. Floyd, J. W. Trout, F. H. Mullineaux, A. W. Mather, A. D. Dick, R. L. Lewis, W. A. Crouse, J. T. Lassell, J. T. Murray, B. W. Kindley, S. C. Ohrum, J. L. Straughn, G. R. McCready, J. D. Kinzer, H. L. Elderdice, G. R. Hodge, J. W. Parris.

Franklin City, no General Home Missionary collection.

S. F. CASSEN, Chairman.

F.—See page 22.

REPORT OF FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. We recommend the following applicants for aid from the Board of Ministerial Education to the Examining Committee at Westminster: F. H. Lewis, S. D. Melvin, Elmer Nelson, C. P. Nowlin, L. R. Randall, E. B. Taylor, G. W.

Hines, R. K. Lewis, W. K. Judefind, Joseph Valiant, M. W. Sorden, W. I. Herbert, and R. E. Marshall.

- 2. We report of the First Year's Class, J. H. S. Ewell, G. R. Hodge, D. E. Day, W. S. Phillips, B. A. Dumm, Q. L. Morrow and H. S. Johnson were passed to the Second Year. B. A. Dumm and Q. L. Morrow were marked 100 each in Homiletics and 100 each in Nichols' Help and 100 each in History of the Methodist Protestant Church. H. S. Johnson was marked 100 in Homiletics and 100 in Nichols' Help. Of the Second Year's Class, G. W. Haddaway, H. W. Johnson and C. E. McCullough were passed to the Third Year. Of the Third Year's Class, B. P. Truitt was marked 100 in Theology and 100 in Miller's Christian Ministry; R. S. Williamson was marked 100 in Theology, and were with E. H. Vandyke passed through the course of instruction.
- 3. We report that G. A. Ogg has been heard from by personal letter, and he is at work in the New York Conference of our Church.
- 4. We recommend that the Conference decline to accede to the request of certain members of Potomac Circuit, for want of jurisdiction. That L. A. Bennett and A. S. Beane be placed in the hands of the President, and that they be continued in the Introductory Class.
- 5. We report that we have received C. M. Cullum, an unstationed preacher of Hampden charge, under our care as a student, and he is continued in the Introductory Class.
- 6. We recommend for admission into the Itinerancy, H. S. Johnson, Q. L. Morrow and C. W. McAllister; and for ordination G. W. Haddaway, he being required to pledge himself in open Conference to continue the course of instruction until completed.
- 7. We report that new students in Church History will hereafter use Fisher's Church History instead of Blackburn's.
 - 8. We recommend that J. W. Parris be placed in the hands of the President.
- 9. We report that S. R. Murray has been elected a member of the Faculty of Instruction.
- 10. That a chair in the Theory and Practice of Our Church Government has been established in the Faculty, with S. B. Southerland as Professor.
- 11. The President of the Conference having requested the recommendation of the Faculty for the ordination of J. H. S. Ewell, G. R. Hodge, H. W. Johnson and C. E. McCullough, your committee respectfully report that in our judgment it is not expedient to grant the request.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, President of Faculty.

G.—See page 24.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church respectfully state, that there is no change in the affairs of the Society since their last report to the Conference, as shown by the minutes. We would state that a communication has been received from the Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College, requesting the Endowment Society to waive the priority of its mortgage upon Western Maryland College to the extent of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), to enable the said Board of Trustees to negotiate a loan for said amount, for the purpose of erecting buildings necessary for the growing demands of said institution; whereupon the following resolution was passed by said Endowment Society Board:

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Endowment Society, the waiver of mortgage, as requested by the Board of Trustees, will not in any way unfavorably affect the interests of said Society, and that the Maryland Annual Conference be, and they are hereby, requested to authorize said Endowment Society to make the waiver of the priority of its mortgage as desired.

We would state that the mortgage for which priority was waived by the action of the Conference of 1887, will be fully paid and released before the execution of the mortgage proposed.

DANIEL W. BATES, President. E. J. DRINKHOUSE, Secretary.

APRIL 5TH, 1890.

H.—See page 24.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Your Committee on the President's report respectfully submit the following: We recommend that so much of the report as refers to the extension of our Church into unoccupied fields be referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

We heartily approve of the reference made to the dropping of appointments; and also recommend that the Committee on Vacant Churches be discontinued, and that the duties of said committee devolve upon the President.

We approve of the President's course in visiting such churches as in his judgment stood most in need of his presence.

We recommend that the stewards of the different charges collect and forward the President's salary as early as practicable in the Conference year, and not defer this matter till his official visit.

We recommend that the item referring to the Conference extending a fostering care to Wilmington, Cambridge, Centreville and Cumberland churches be referred to the Committee on Home Missions; that referring to the W. F. M. S. to be referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions; that in reference to receiving young men into the itinerancy be referred to the Faculty of Instruction, and that the Conference fix a time when it will consider the subject in accordance with the suggestion of the President.

We express gratification at the organization of the "Charleston Mission Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church," and recommend that the President of this Conference, or some one appointed by him, be authorized to visit said Conference at its next session.

We recommend that recommendation No. 1, in reference to fixing the percentage of President's salary to be paid to the Trustees of President's Parsonage be referred to the Committee on Finance. Also, that the reference to preparing a financial plan be referred to a special committee—the committee.

to report at this Conference if practicable; and the statement as to an unequal distribution of the burden of assessments be referred to the Committee on Finance.

We approve of recommendation No. 3 in reference to Quarterly Conference journals, and recommend the adoption of the suggestions contained therein.

We recommend the adoption of recommendations Nos. 4 and 5, referring to Official Reports and Order of Business for Quarterly Conferences, and that a special committee be appointed to prepare the necessary blanks.

We approve of recommendation No. 7, referring to the establishing of another chair in the Faculty of Instruction to teach the theory and practice of our Church government, and recommend its reference to the Faculty of Instruction to be carried into effect.

A. D. MELVIN, Chairman.

I.—See page 24.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee respectfully report as follows:

We cannot too strongly emphasize the importance of our Sabbath-school work. As the nursery of the Church, we must look to it for the growing material out of which to supply the various departments and interests of church work.

The statistics of the past year have been examined, and they show a marked increase in every department.

The immediate conversion of the children being the end contemplated in our Sabbath-schools, we urge that every effort possible be made looking to this end.

Being fully convinced of the fitness of our own literature to impart a saving knowledge of the Scriptures, we insist upon its use in all our schools.

We would insist that Sabbath-school superintendents be elected in all cases as directed by the law of our Church as found on page 62/section 8, of Discipline.

We heartily recommend the continuance of Sabbath-schools through the winter months in country appointments as essential to the best interest of the work.

We furthermore recommend that pastors be requested to read the recommendations of this Annual Conference to the various schools on their respective charges, and do all they can to make them interesting and profitable.

C. H. LITTLETON, Chairman.

J.—See page 24.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Your Committee on Literature beg leave to report the following:

We have carefully read the report of the Book Directory, and we note a gratifying increase in the subscription list of the *Methodist Protestant*, the circulation of our Sunday-school literature, and the finances of the Book Con-

cern. These facts will appear in the appended report which we herewith return for publication.

But while we note this improved condition, we emphasize the importance of more vigorous efforts to increase the circulation of these periodicals.

We recommend that pastors select one Sabbath in the year, at their option, to present the claims of the Church paper, and that they send to the publishing concern for a sufficient number of the latest issue of the *Methodist Protestant* to be distributed on that day.

This plan is not to relieve pastors of the responsibility of soliciting subscriptions at any time during the year, nor to interfere with any approved existing methods.

It is our deliberate conviction that the best interests of the Church will be promoted by placing the *Methodist Protestant* in every family.

We are pleased to note the improvement in the *Methodist Recorder* under the editorial management of Dr. D. S. Stephens, and commend it to the patronage of our people.

We note with pleasure the presence of Rev. J. F. Cowan, editor of the Sunday-school Literature, and are pleased to learn from him of the large increase in its circulation, and express the hope that it will soon be taken by all our schools without exception. We particularly commend to the patronage of the Church the paper entitled *Our Young People*.

Another publication to which we would direct particular attention is the *Missionary Bulletin*, published by authority of the Board of Foreign Missions. The utility and necessity of this paper as an educator and stimulus in its proper sphere are apparent, and the interests of our missionary work demand its extended circulation.

We are glad to report the improving condition of Dr. Drinkhouse, and hope that his health may be so restored as to enable him to discharge all the duties of his office.

We think the Conference is also indebted to Dr. S. B. Southerland for his efficient services on the *Methodist Protestant* during the illness of the editor.

Respectfully submitted, F. T. TAGG, Chairman.

BOOK DIRECTORY.

The Book Directory respectfully reports through the undersigned, their committee, to the Maryland Annual Conference the condition of the publishing interests located in Baltimore

ing interests located in Baltimore.

The official papers and books for the Church, Sunday-school, and homes of the people, are conceded by all to be interests of great importance. We cannot afford to be indifferent to the character of the literature our people read, or neglectful in supplying the manifest need. There are many general interests which claim the attention of the pastors and absorb the benevolent contributions of the Church; but no one of them, we may safely assert, is more important to the progress of the Church and the development of intelligent Christian character than the one we represent.

These interests, brethren, are yours, as well as ours, and we beg you to give them your careful consideration, and help us, by your counsel and general cooperation, to make them better in quality, and more extended in circulation and usefulness.

We would make the Methodist Protestant a welcome visitor in the home, an

educator of the children, the silent helper of the pastor, a golden link of our connexional life, and an inspiration of every good work in the Church. A general circulation of the paper will guarantee a broader Christian life and a more intelligent officiary in all our churches. Give us a larger subscription list and we will give a better paper. Increased sales of books will only insure to the financial benefit of the Concern and guarantee improved facilities and larger profits to the Church in the future.

The illness of Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse a year ago, continuing through several months, necessitated special arrangements in the management of the paper. Dr. S. B. Southerland was employed to do a part of the work, and with other aid secured by the editor, there was no interruption of the regular issue of the paper, and its good character was maintained during the year. We are glad to report that the health of the editor is now restored, and he is again at the helm. We congratulate the Church upon the fact that while the editor has been disabled the greater part of the year, and compensated labor in the office was a necessity, yet by the editor's generosity and the admirable management of the agent, there has been no increase in expense to the Directory in getting out the paper.

There has been some increase in the subscription list of the Protestant, and a larger increase in the Sunday-school papers; but both are, we think, far beneath what they ought to be. This small increase with the rigid economy and efficiency in the management, leaves us in much better financial condition than a year ago. Until this year the agent has received no compensation for his labor on the paper in the new and enlarged form. Even now the compensa-

tion is less than it ought to be.

It is the desire of the editor and the Directory to make the Protestant a more

efficient helper of every good work and secure for it a wider circulation. With this in view the editor has selected Rev. H. L. Elderdice as his associate, and this selection has the unanimous endorsement of the Directory. And we now ask the Conference to give its approval to this selection, and assign him to this work for the ensuing year. Respectfully, J. D. KINZER,

HORACE BURROUGH, Committee.

K.—See page 25. KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The committee appointed to consider the information conveyed to the Conference by Dr. D. S. Stephens and Mr. Bullock of Kansas City relative to the University which it is proposed to establish by the Methodist Protestant Church at Kansas City, Kansas, report that these gentlemen have been before them and fully informed them of their plans.

The present status of the undertaking is as follows:

A tract of land containing 54 acres, lying about three-fourths of a mile from the city limits and known as the College farm is purchasable for about \$68,000. It is proposed to make a first payment of \$23,000 on this farm within the next three months. Of this amount \$5,000 has been paid and \$5,000 is now in hand to be paid. The proposition is to raise the remainder of this first payment in the same way the \$10,000 has been raised, and the whole amount will be secured by a deed in fee of as much of the farm as the \$23,000 will buy at \$1,259 per acre to the persons making the advance. In addition, Messrs. Bullock and Simpson agree to bond for the full amount of money paid, securing the bond by mortgage on about \$35,000 worth of adjacent land owned by them; binding themselves to take the land at the rate paid and refund to those now purchasing in case the project for a University should fail. And if the project succeeds, the University Board binds itself to refund the money at eight per cent. interest out of the first funds coming in.

Messrs. Bullock and Simpson offer the University a three-fifths interest in 105 acres owned by them and 100 more acres are pledged in the same way from various other parties, which it is calculated will yield about a million dollars for a building and endowment fund. They also agree to take the responsibility for the purchase and management of the remainder of the College farm, they to see that it does not pass out of our hands for lack of money to meet future payments, and to manage the sale of lots from it and turn over the proceeds to the fund of the University.

It will be seen, then, that the immediate thing required of the Church is to raise about \$13,000 in the next three months, and that this will secure to the Church a farm of 54 acres within three miles of the heart of a city of 250,000 inhabitants; and that we will then have an opportunity to dispose of the property as we may desire, for the advantage of the University, retaining at the same time a three-fifths interest in more than 200 acres of adjacent land, whose sale will be an absolute bonus to the University.

It appears also that the proposition for founding this institution does not include any expectation of donations from the Church, but all its funds are to accrue from the sale of real estate given to it by those who are interested in the rise in the value of property which would follow the establishment of a University in that community.

Your committee cannot see that the Church ought to ignore such an opening as this presents. They believe they have good ground for commending the enterprise to the friends of the Church, and that such as may be induced to invest any portion of the advance payment will be fully secured and their money returned in due time with profitable interest. If any reliance may be placed in the statements of those who have been on the ground and who have made investment of their means after personal investigation; if we may trust our judgment upon the statements made to us by Messrs. Stephens and Bullock, we cannot speak too confidently and encouragingly of an opening larger than has ever occurred in the history of our Church and so easy seemingly of complete fulfillment that we are taught to mistrust it as "too good to be true."

In accordance with the wishes of the gentlemen before mentioned we therefore ask the Conference to give the Methodist Protestant University of Kansas City an unequivocal and hearty commendation to the Church.

We recommend that the Conference respectfully petition the Board of Foreign Missions to loan Rev. F. T. Tagg to the enterprise for three months if it can be done without serious detriment to the cause of missions. Your committee recognize the importance of the work of missions and of the Secretary to that work. They would not give any endorsement to any plan looking to a separation of the Secretary from his proper work for any extended period, but they hope the Board may see its way clear to co-operate with this new

enterprise to this extent and thus relieve a very pressing need which cannot be supplied otherwise so far as they can see.

As the committee has been advised with as to the general organization of the University, we express our conviction that one of the first things to be done is for the Board of Trustees to select a suitable man to put at the head of the institution to begin and carry forward the work of organization, and that this should be done as soon as practicable.

J. D. KINZER, Chairman.

L.—See page 25.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to make the following report:

1. We are pleased to report a gratifying increase in the collections for this year of at least twenty-five per cent. over last year. This is due in a great measure to an increased interest in the work of Foreign Missions, to a more general observance of Children's Day, to the circulation of the Missionary Bulletin, and to several generous personal donations by friends of the work. We recommend the continuance of the present assessment on the Conference, which is three thousand dollars, and ask that the Conference will make an equitable assessment upon the charges for this amount.

2. We recommend the Children's Day work, which is one of the most profitable and interesting methods for the development of a missionary spirit, and the increase of the finances of the Board. We respectfully urge that pastors exert their influence as far as possible to hold a children's service in every school in their respective charges.

3. The importance of informing our people cannot be over-estimated. The more intelligent the people become on the subject of Missions, the more liberally and cheerfully will they contribute to the work. We therefore earnestly request our pastors to study this subject in the light of the Word of God and and preach it to the people until a deep, generous missionary spirit shall pervade all our churches. In this connection we believe the *Missionary Bulletin* to be a valuable ally, and its general circulation will materially develop a broad missionary sentiment and increase the collections.

4. We recommend the methods of the Board and its Secretary as aids to pastors in the collection of funds.

5. We extend to our missionaries in the foreign field our cordial sympathy and support, and extend to those of our own Conference the assurance of our fraternal esteem, and pray for their success and prosperity in the great work in which they are engaged.

6. We commend to the pastors the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and ask for them such assistance in their work as will give them abundant success. We further recommend that Rev. S. R. Murray be requested to address the next session of the Maryland Conference in the interest of this society, and that the first Thursday night of the session be given to this address.

L. W. BATES, Chairman.

M.—See page 25.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORTS.

Your committee appointed to prepare forms for use of stewards, class-leaders and Sunday-school superintendents, in their reports to the Quarterly Conference, desire to submit the following and recommend their adoption:
Church.
Steward.
Report of Steward, for Qr.
Number of Contributors to Minister's Salary "Members of Church regularly contributing "Non-contributing Members
Amount Assessed by Quarterly Conference to
" from Occasional Contributors " of Basket Collections " from Other Sources
Total\$
Excess (or Deficit)
Questions: Have you visited all the members of the church and asked them to contribute? Have you called upon all delinquents during the quarter?
Remarks:
Church.
Report of Class-Leader for Qr.
Leader.
 How many members have you? What has been the average attendance during the quarter. Are there any members who do not attend class?
4. Have you visited the members of your class during the quarter, and exhorted the indifferent to attend this means of grace?
5. How many accessions have you had during the quarter?6. Have there been any deaths? If so, how many?7. What is the spiritual condition of your class?
Remarks:
Percent at S. S. Supt.
Report of S. S. Supt. for
 How many officers and teachers are there in the school? How many scholars are there in the school? Have you a Bible-class for adults?
4. Have you an Infant class?
5. Do you use the Sunday-school literature of the M. P. Church?
6. How many teachers are members of the church? 7. How many scholars are members of the church?
8. How many accessions have you had to the school during the quarter?
9. How many new classes have been formed?
10. How many conversions have there been in the school during the quarter?11. What is the average attendance during the quarter?12. What is the spiritual condition of the school?
13. What has been the amount of collections?

14. What has been the expenditures?

15. Amount in Sunday-school Treasury at end of quarter?

16. Number of volumes in Sunday-school Library?

Remarks:

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.

146.20

N.—See page 25.

HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD'S REPORT.

Amount assessed on District. Collections	\$2,457.00 1,770.64
Unpaid assessment.	686.36
FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION.	
Collections on District\$1,770.64	
From other sources:	
W. H. Silk, interest on investment	
Conference Steward	
G. R. Hodge, annual dues	
Collection at Anniversary 234.00	

Total amount..... 2,256.38

DISTRIBUTION TO MISSIONARIES.

First, Deficiencies at last Conference: Order of E. H. Vandyke, for Cumberland, \$33.97; B. P. Truitt, for Chincoteague, \$50.95; G. R. Hodge, for Middleway, \$25.48; H. G. Cowan, for Sussex, \$33.97; J. A. Weigand, for Georgetown, Del., \$16.98; A. J. Walter, for Powellsville, \$33.97; R. L. Lewis, for Salisbury, \$67.94; G. F. Farring, for Wilmington, 67.94; E. R. McGregor, for Potomac, \$50.95; W. W. White, for Felton, \$50.95; S. J. Smith, for Crumpton, \$16.98; J. B. Jones, for Cambridge, \$101.91; D. W. Anstine, for Seaford, \$50.91. Total paid for deficiencies, \$601.90; balance for distribution, \$1,653.48.

	Appropriation.	Paid.	Deficient.
Centreville—T. O. Crouse	\$200.00	\$182.80	\$17.20
Cumberland, { E. H. Vandyke, }	100.00	\$ 60.00 \$ 40.00	
Crumpton—G. J. Smith	100.00	91.40	8.60
Chincoteague—B. P. Truitt	100.00	91.40	8.60
Cambridge—S. F. Cassen	200.00	182.80	17.20
Felton—W. W. White	150.00	137.10	12.90
Harper's Ferry—Q. L. Morrow	50.00	45.70	4.30
Salisbury—R. L. Lewis	250.00	228.50	21.50
Georgetown, Del.—J. A. Weigand	100.00	91.40	• 8.60
Wilmington—F. T. Benson	200.00	182.80	17.20
Powellsville—A. J. Walter	50.00	45.70	4.30
Sussex—G. D. Edmonston	50.00	45.70	4.30
Seaford—D. W. Anstine	150.00	137.10	12.90
Middleway—G. R. Hodge	100.00	91.40	8.60

'Total appropriation	\$1,800.00
Amount paid	1,653.80

Balance due missionaries.....

Total amount distributed	\$2,255.70 2,255.38
Balance due the Steward Per cent. of distribution 91.4.	.32

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. OHRUM, Steward.

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SUPERANNUATED FUND.

The Board of Managers has endeavored diligently and conscientiously to discharge the duty imposed by the Annual Conference (Minutes 1889, page 45), and believe the revised list of allowances herewith submitted to be as impartial and equitable as it can be made. Repeated notices were inserted in the Methodist Protestant, calling upon all persons who had reason to believe the funds unjustly distributed to present their charges with whatever of fact they had to support them. In view of the few responses received the Board can not refrain from condemning with unmeasured severity the practice so long indulged of giving currency to charges which their authors have not the ability or spirit to defend. It is an impeachment of the integrity of the Conference committee, it is an assault on the feelings and reputation of the superannuates, as unmanly as it is unwarranted.

The Board laid down the following principles to guide its revision of the allowances, viz:

First, that the ineffectiveness which entitles a minister to a claim upon the Superannuated Fund is strictly to be interpreted to mean physical inability through sickness or age to preach and perform the pastoral work of any charge to which the appointing power may assign him. It is not to be construed to mean his unwillingness, for personal or special reasons, to receive the charge of particular churches, so long as he is physically and mentally able to do any work within the bounds of the District upon which others of his brethren have depended and must depend for their support.

Second, that when a minister retires from the itinerancy his ability to earn his livelihood in whole or in part by some other employment should be considered in determining the amount and continuance of his apportionment of superannuated money, and the fact that he has been so employed and that his physical and mental status are equal still to such employment should determine his ability.

Third, that the Board does not feel called upon to review the action of Conference in years preceding the session of 1889.

The Board respectfully submits the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Committee on Superannuated Claimants be instructed to add each year at the bottom of their report the following note:
 - "The fund paid last year dollars on each hundred dollars appropriated."
- 2. That when the report of the Committee on 'Superannuated Claimants is on its passage, the question of transferring to the superannuated list to be taken separately from the question of allowance in each individual case.

3. That the Committee shall confer with the appointing power previous to recommending the transfer of any name to the superannuated list.

4. That in view of the large shrinkage in the earning power of our invested securities—a reduction of probably twenty-five per cent.—and in view of the fact disclosed in the investigation of the Board that the allowance of many, if not all the beneficiaries, is sadly less than their needs, demand the most strenuous efforts to be made to increase the annual contribution to the fund.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, Chairman.

SUPERANNUATES.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants report the following, viz:

Appropriations.			
S. B. Southerland	\$500	Mrs. J. A. McFaden	300
J. W. Everist	100	" C. B. Middleton	350
H. J. Day.	200	" H. E. Miskimon	200
D. W. Bates	300		
James Thompson	. 200		
J. K. Nichols	350		
W. G. Holmes	. 100		
J. H. Ellegood	350		200
R. Scott Norris	350		
J. A. Weigand	400		150
T. D. Valiant	350		
Mrs. I. T. Adkins	150		
" W. C. Ames	300		200
" Daniel Bowers	100		150
" T. M. Brian	200		
" C. T. Cochell	250		300
" W. T. Dumm	300	-	
" J. M. Elderdice	400	1	\$9,850
" C. Eversole			650
" D. F. Ewell	200	1	
" D. N. Gilbert	300	1	\$9,100
" A. Greenaway	200		

The letter of Rev. R. W. Berryman referred to us by the Conference has been considered, and we find, by the Constitution of the Society, Article 10, that this brother has no claim upon the Superannuated Fund.

We recommend that the following questions be added to the blank, viz:

Do you attend our church? If not, why not?

Do your children attend our Sabbah-school? If not, why not?

We recommend that \$3,000 be assessed upon the District for distribution: F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

P.—See page 26. EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would respectfully report:

1. That the cause of education is of so great importance to our Conference and our Church, that we dare not permit this feature of our ecclesiasticism to decline. The Methodist Protestant Church has been noted from the beginning for the intelligence of its ministers and laymen. Its origin was with the more conspicuous members of the denomination and the communities from and

amid which it sprang; and its development has been environed by a wide and ever-increasing culture. It is our duty, and it should be our pleasure with such a history behind us, to make adequate provision for the demands of the times in the most liberal education of our denominational children. And while abating nothing in this direction, to command the notice of the general public by the spirit and results of our work. To fit men and women for the highest and noblest duties of social and Christian life, to lend prestige to our cause by their splendid attainments at the hands of our collegiate institutions, to dismiss annually to the whitening fields of the Gospel, messengers upon whom rests not alone the spirit of consecration, but also the endowments of College and Seminary training, is a task worthy of our enthusiasm, our deepest thought and our prayers.

2. We record our appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education in the noble work assigned to him by the General Conference. We are pleased to hear from him of the successful operations of the Board; and we trust there will be a liberal response on the part of the Church for means to enable students to pursue their seminary course, and that pastors will diligently seek out worthy young men and press upon them the claims of the Saviour and the Church, in the offering of their lives for the

work of the ministry.

3. We have heard with great pleasure the report of the President of Western Maryland College, Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D. His success in the management of this institution has constituted an era in its history, and is worthy of all praise. Especially would we note that during his four years administration the number of students has been nearly doubled, that all debts found upon his incumbency and incurred since, excepting \$3,000 on Smith Hall, have been paid, and that in addition to numerous improvements heretofore mentioned, there have been expended during the past year \$3,325 toward perfecting the appointments of the College.

The hope of the President that a Christian Association Hall, and a chapel, will soon be among the memorials at the College, we would gladly see realized.

- 4. The Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the Seminary shows no decrease in the number of students training thereat for the ministry. Greater provision has been made for their convenience and comfort in the "Annex," and some addition to the set of helps in the department of Biblical Study. We believe a thorough Seminary training indispensable to the best work of the ministry, and therefore ask the cordial consent of the Conference to the continuance of the present assessments, as asked by the Board, and the hearty endeavor of every pastor and acting-steward towards raising the full amount of the assessments placed upon their charge.
- 5. Your committee would respectfully call the attention of Conference to the third By-law of the Board of Ministerial Education, to wit: "If any young man wishes to avail himself of the aid of this Board, he must apply to the pastor, and through him obtain a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of the church of which he is a member, properly signed, which he must present to the next session of the Annual Conference in the bounds of which he resides, to be examined by a committee of that body, and if approved

by that committee to be favorably reported to the Conference; also to "Questions to be asked before the Conference," to wit, Report, page 12: "Before the vote is taken by the Conference, if the candidate is present, he shall be asked by the President or the Faculty to answer the following questions: 1. Please give a brief statement of your religious experience, and motives for seeking the ministry? 2. Have you read the Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, and do you accept its doctrines and ecclesiastical polity? 3. Will you accept the aid of the Church on the plan proposed? 4. Will you abstain from the use of tobacco while you are a beneficiary of the Church? 5. Will you on leaving College return to this Conference to begin your ministerial work?" Also to Report of Committee on Board of Ministerial Education, defining duties of the Examining Boards, adopted by the General Conference of 1888, as follows: "To make appropriations, so far as possible, to such persons as come to it properly recommended, that is to say, recommended by the Quarterly Conference to the Annual Conference in whose bounds the applicant resides, and by the Annual Conference to the Examining Committee provided for in Article I., and by the Examining Committee to the Board."

As these regulations not only have the authority of law, but commend themselves as wise and salutary, your Committee would recommend that Conference insist upon a strict observance of the same.

S. R. MURRAY, Chairman,

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE. WESTMINSTER, MD., April 2, 1890.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

I have the honor to submit to the Conference a report of my official labors during the year, in which I have served for the fourth year as President of

Western Maryland College by your direction.

Students.—A most gratifying increase in the number of students in attendance is the first item. Last year I reported to the Conference an attendance of 178. This year our roll numbers 217, an increase of 39, or 22 per cent. Of these 116 are boarders, an increase of 25 over last year, or 27 per cent. None of these figures include Seminary students, who board at the College. This increase of patronage is very remarkable. The general depression among agricultural interests made us expect rather a decrease, for a large number of our patrons are in this class. On the Eastern Shore of Maryland. among agricultural interests made us expect rather a decrease, for a large number of our patrons are in this class. On the Eastern Shore of Maryland, particularly, we have always had a large patronage, and it was supposed there would be a large loss of patronage from that section on account of the severe failures in many of the crops. Then again, contrary to all precedent and precept, no advertising was done, and very little agency work, owing to the demands on my time at the College, where two buildings were being erected and a third remodeled. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, we have reached the largest roll in the history of the College, and have now almost twice the number of students we had four years ago twice the number of students we had four years ago.

Improvements.—Since the last Conference a complete steam laundry has been put in the College, at a cost of \$1,000. Additional apparatus has been put in, so as to heat the entire main building and wing by steam from one boiler, at a cost of \$1,525, and Ward Hall was remodeled entirely in its interior, at a cost of about \$500, while other minor changes in the main building were made, costing about \$300. This would make a total of \$3,325 spent since last Conference on improvements.

The splendid gifts, mentioned in my last report, from Baker Brothers, of a

house for the President, and from Miss Anna R. Yingling of a gymnasium, have been consummated, and two more handsome buildings now adorn our campus and gladden the hearts of their occupants.

Finances.—Besides the amount named above spent for improvements, our surplus has yielded us \$2,000 with which to pay two notes for \$1,000 each, held by John Smith and the Westminster Savings Institution. This represents the remains of the old debt, to pay which such a struggle began in the Conference of 1878. With the payment of these two notes the debt which began with the College disappears forever. I thought it would not be inappropriate to bring these notes here and hang them up on our walls as trophies. In the spring of 1887 a mortgage was given for \$7,000, with which money Smith Hall was built. On this mortgage had been paid, up to last Conference, \$3,000. I have made another payment of \$1,000, and the mortgage is now reduced to \$3,000. From money due us on the first of the coming July this whole amount will be paid, and every vestige of past and present debt will be obliterated.

But the trustees have not thought it wise to remain out of debt—if, indeed, that should be called debt which is rather judicious business investment. They come to you now asking a waiver of your mortgage to enable them to raise \$15,000, with which to build the splendid improvement exhibited here, and I trust it will seem wise to you to grant their request. The amount may seem large, but it takes large sums to provide adequate facilities for so large a patronage, and prudent enterprise justifies the undertaking. When Smith Hall was built the College carried a debt of over \$13,000, and has come out of it in good time, feeling the venture was wisely made. I believe all will

concede we are in better condition to bear burdens now than then.

History of the Debt.—I have thought it would be a matter of interest to put on record an account of the rise and progress of the debt, which now, after twenty-two years, has been finally extinguished. I will attempt nothing more than the mere figures representing the gross amount of money owed by the College from year to year: 1868, purchase of building and fitting up, \$22,105.42; 1869, first annual report of Treasurer, gross debt \$24,550; 1870, \$26,770.19; 1871, \$27,445.64; 1872, \$31,666.55—the increase for this year is partly accounted for by the erection of a wing to the main building; 1873, \$29,708.89; 1874, \$34,251.74; 1875, \$31,577.54; 1876, \$29,950.97; 1877, \$29,-157.01; 1878, \$31,603.69; 1879, \$32,269.83; 1880, \$32,316.81; 1881, \$30,489.47. In 1878 a plan was devised by the Local Board for the article of the substitute of the full amount was subscribed a sum of ficient to article it.

In 1878 a plan was devised by the Local Board for raising by notes payable when the full amount was subscribed a sum sufficient to extinguish the debt. This was prosecuted under the agency of Rev. J. B. Walker, and succeeded to the extent of lifting all mortgages and liens from the property and leaving a debt for 1882, \$7,563.13; 1883, \$8,757.85; 1884, \$10,493.04; 1885, \$10,612.97;

1886, \$10,762.08.

In this year I was elected President, and at the expiration of the first year I reported the debt—1887, \$5,775; 1888, \$5,000; 1889, \$2,000; 1890, all paid.

In the above statement no account is taken of assets for any year, but the figures always represent the gross amount owed by the College. Of course, at the expiration of every year, certain amounts are always reported as collectable to stand against the amount due by the College, and these would be a valid decrease of the debt if the College were about to close business. Otherwise they go on into the next year's account and appear in the report of debt, which would be diminished if the assets were used in payment of the debt. In the last four years the same report of assets was made as before but not taken into account in the figures representing the debt.

I should doubtless become a fool in glorying, as Paul, but I cannot resist the temptation to quote a paragraph from the report of the Local Board in January, 1878, of which I happened to see in running over the books:

"That the receipts from the school could ever pay the College debt or any

part of it, is what neither the Board of Trustees nor the Church have ever expected."

Yet the debt of \$10,762 reported in 1886, has been paid out of the receipts from the school for the last four years, and \$15,000, or more, besides, for im-

provements.

The contradiction of this saying of the Board has been paralleled in the whole history of the College which has persisted in living in spite of the fact that it has had no endownent; a fact unheard of before in the history of colleges. I bow reverently before all these facts in grateful recognition of a superintending Providence, wisely and graciously guiding the institution through all perils to its present position. And if that Power should forsake us now, there is nothing in us to prevent disaster. May we prove grateful and worthy of His care!

Gifts.—It will not be expected that I should repeat the story of last Conference in the matter of gifts to the College, although I am glad to have something still to say under this head. Mr. Samuel Norment, of Washington, D. C., has established a money prize of one hundred dollars for excellence in Elocution. Prof. M. A. Newell, Principal of the State Normal School, has presented a gold wreath as a prize to the participants in the Annual Literary Contest, and Prof. A. H. Merrill, of Vanderbilt University, a similar wreath for the Oratorical Contest. Mrs. T. A. Reese in generous distribution of her means sent us, unsolicited, one hundred dollars, which was invested in the Endowment fund.

The next memorial we hope to see established at the College is a Christian Association Hall. We have two vigorous associations and need very much a suitable building. Nothing would do more to emphasize the Christian character of the College and to increase its efficiency in this direction than the erection of such a Hall. The distance from the churches in town makes it impracticable to require more than one attendance to church on the Sabbath, and an effort has been made the past winter to supplement this work by a series of sermons on Sunday evenings by the President. I have hope that this effort has been acceptable and profitable to the students; but it has impressed me how much might be done if we had a suitable chapel. In the near future I hope some friend will give us five thousand dollars to accomplish this.

Another vacation is approaching and I look forward to continued work for securing students. As far as possible I shall travel through the District and endeavor to secure the co-operation of all the friends of the College, and especially the posters in filling up all our recome for contlar week.

cially the pastors, in filling up all our rooms for another year.

Respectfully submitted, T. H. LEWIS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEO-LOĞICAL SEMINARY TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, APRIL, 1890.

Students.—The eighth year of the Seminary began September 10th, 1889. The whole number of students enrolled for the year is 21, being exactly the number of the preceding year. Classification: Senior Class, 1; Junior, 6; Introductory, 14. Besides these, five students of Western Maryland College, contemplating the ministry, have roomed in the Seminary building. Four of the Seminary students remained only a portion of the year, on account of sickness: three of these from Maryland, and one from West Virginia. All have recovered their health. Two of the Maryland students may apply for work in the Conference; the West Virginia student purposes to return to the Seminary next year. Eight of the Seminary students and three of the Collegiates have been assisted by the Board of Ministerial Education; the rest have paid their own expenses. All the Seminary students are from Maryland, except two from West Virginia, one from New Jersey, one from New York, and one from North Carolina.

Finances—Receipts for the Year.	
Cash balance from last year Collections from Maryland Conference. " " North Carolina Conference. " " New Jersey " " " West Virginia " " " Alabama " From Students for Tuition and Books. " Board of Ministerial Education.	1,037.80 19.61 42.63 7.75 5.20 698.20
True 1	\$2,506.63 440.00
Yet to be received from Board of Ministerial Education	440.00
Total income for the year	\$2,946.63
Expenditures for the Year.	
On account of Board, &c., of Beneficiaries " Salaries Janitor, Furniture, Coal, Books, Insurance and Sundries	\$ 477.00 670.00 569.69
Yet to be paid on Beneficiaries' Board, &c	600.00
•	\$2,757.21
Total net surplus for the year, \$189.42.	φωγιστωσ
Special Donation from Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese \$1	.00.00 10.00
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Remarks.—It was mentioned in our last year's report to the Conference, that the "Annex" to the Seminary Building was not in condition to be occupied by students, means being needed to complete the interior, and also to provide suitable furniture. We have now the pleasure of reporting that the means needed were kindly contributed by Brothers'Samuel Norment, of Washington, D. D., and Joseph D. Baker, of Frederick, Md., and the new building has been occupied so far as necessary; one of the rooms for the library, and three by students. There yet remains a large room on the first floor, which we have only partially furnished, contemplating hereafter to use it as a Chapel, so that the present Chapel may be appropriated to the use of the "Stockton Society." There are also three dormitory rooms, besides the three that have been occupied, which will accommodate six more students.

\$151.35

We are indebted to Dr. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, for his kindness in taking charge of the Seminary classes in Hebrew, and to Brother Whaley, a graduate of the College who is pursuing the Seminary Course, for his attention to the classes in elementary New Testament Greek, and several English studies. The advanced classes in Greek have been, as heretofore, taught by Prof. Reese, of the College, and Homiletics and Pastoral Theology have been conducted by Dr. Mills, Pastor of the Westminster church succeeding Dr. J. T. Murray, who had previously given his services to these branches. Systematic Theology and Ecclesiastical History and Elocution have been taught by the President also Biblical Geography, as an aid to the

study of which a new set of excellent wall-maps has been found very useful. An interesting course of lectures has been given by different ministers of the Gospel, and a number of the students have preached in the Seminary Chapel once a week during the last session.

It is believed that no better arrangement can be made for the working of the Seminary for the ensuing year than the present. The Board asks the Conference to continue the assessment and the appointment of Dr. Ward as Presi-

dent of the Seminary.

We recommend that the Conference authorize the Board to seek the cooperation of its ministers and churches during the present year in an effort to provide for the employment of additional teaching force after the present year, the plan for this effort to be announced through the *Methodist Protestant* as soon as the Board deems proper.

L. W. BATES.

Q.—See page 26.

INCORPORATION.

The committee appointed by the President of the Conference to secure the incorporation of the Conference would report that the accompanying Articles of Incorporation have passed both branches of the Legislature, and now await only the signature of the Governor in order to become a valid and effectual charter.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman. T. A. MURRAY, Secretary.

An Act, to Incorporate the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Whereas, It has been represented that the Ministers and Lay-Delegates comprising the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church may from time to time receive by gifts, devises, bequests, grants and otherwise, money, lands or other property, and become possessed of the same for religious and benevolent purposes, and they are desirous that a corporate body be created for the more successful holding, management and disposition of any property thus, or in any other way, acquired; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Joseph L. Mills, James W. Gray, Roland Watts, Thomas A. Murray, John W. Charlton, Frank T. Little, Joseph H. Elliott, Charles A. Benjamin, John D. Kinzer, Augustus W. Mather, James R. Caton, and Jarrett N. Gilbert, and their successors, duly elected and appointed in the manner hereinafter directed, be and they are hereby made, declared and constituted a body politic and corporate, to have perpetual succession by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church." and by that name, style and title are hereby made and declared able and capable in law to take, receive, hold, possess and acquire by gift, devise, bequest, grant or otherwise, lands, tenements, goods, chattles, estates and property of any kind whatsoever, and the same again to grant, devise, alien or dispose of, provided that the clear yearly income of the real and personal estate of said Corporation shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Section 2. And be it Enacted, That no misnomer of the said corporation and its successors, shall defeat or annul any purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest to or from the said corporation; provided the intent of the party or parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, will, grant or other writing whereby any estate, interest or property was intended to pass to or from the said corporation.

SECTION 3. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation and its successors, shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall see fit and proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure.

SECTION 4. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation and its successors by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, plead and be impleaded in any Court, or before any Judge or Justice, in any and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, matters and demands of whatever nature, kind or form they may be, and all and every matter and thing to do in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate within this State can or may.

SECTION 5. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation and its successors, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws, regulations and ordinances, and do every thing incident and needful for the support and due government of said corporation and managing the funds and revenues thereof, provided the said by-laws, regulations and ordinances shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States or of the State of Maryland, or to the Constitution and Discipline, rules and regulations of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 6. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation shall consist of twelve persons and no more, who shall be members of the Methodist Protestant Church in good and regular standing, six of whom shall be ordained ministers of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and six shall be lay members of the Methodist Protestant Church within the bounds of the Maryland Annual Conference, and the term of membership shall continue three years; such term to begin on the first day of May next succeeding the election of the members as hereinafter provided, and the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, shall at each annual meeting of said Conference, elect in such mode as to the said Conference shall seem proper, four new members, two of whom shall be ministers and two laymen of said Methodist Protestant Church, to fill the places of those members whose terms expire on the first of May following said meeting of said Conference; provided, however, that the aforesaid members of said corporation named in this Act shall continue in office as members of said corporation as follows: The term of the membership of John D. Kinzer, Augustus W. Mather, James R. Caton and Jarrett N. Gilbert, shall expire on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-one; the terms of membership of John W. Charlton, Frank T. Little, Joseph H. Elliott and Charles A. Benjamin, shall expire on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-two; the terms of membership of Joseph L. Mills, James W. Gray, Roland Watts and Thomas A. Murray shall expire on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-three; and be it further provided in case the place of any member of said corporation shall be made vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, before the expiration of his term, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of the said corporation at their first meeting held, at which such vacancy shall become known, to elect or appoint some person—a minister or lay-member of the Methodist Protestant Church—a member of said corporation who shall, however, hold office only for the unexpired term of the member creating such vacancy; and provided, further, if the said Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church shall fail at any annual meeting thereof to elect members to fill the vacancies occurring on the first of May next, following said annual meeting, then the said corporation at its next meeting after the adjournment of said Conference, shall elect members to fill such vacancies, and the members so elected shall hold membership for a term of three years, the same as though they had been elected by said Conference; provided, however, that the name of each member elected by the corporation as hereinbefore

provided shall be submitted to the said Conference at the next annual meeting thereof after such election, and the said Conference shall have power to approve such election or to remove any member or members so elected by the said corporation, and to elect another or others in place thereof; but the official acts of any such member or members before removal shall be valid and binding upon all concerned.

SECTON 7. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation under its said corporate name shall have power to take and hold by donation, gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any property, real, personal or mixed, in the State of Maryland or in any other State of the United States in behalf of and for the benefit of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the same to manage, grant, convey, lease or otherwise to dispose of, and to execute such trusts as may be confided to said corporation, the whole to be under the supervision of and amenable to the said Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 8. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation shall also be deemed competent to receive and administer any special benevolent trust on behalf of the Methodist Protestant Church, or any religious, charitable, or benevolent object connected with said church that may be confided or entrusted to it.

SECTION 9. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation shall have a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, such officers to be chosen by said corporation from their own members, as often as they may see proper, and according to rules or by-laws, to be by them prescribed, and the said corporation shall have authority to appoint such other officers and servants as shall be deemed necessary.

Section 10. And be it Enacted, That seven members of said corporation shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by-laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 11. And be it Enacted, That the said corporation shall cause fair and regular entries of its proceedings and a just account of all receipts and disbursements to be kept in a book or books, provided for that purpose, and its Treasurer shall exhibit to the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church at each annual meeting of said Conference, a full and accurate report of the state of the accounts of said corporation.

R.—See page 26.

BOUNDARIES.

The Committee on Boundaries begs leave to report, that they have considered the several papers referred to them, and have carefully examined into the matters to which they relate, and submit the following recommendations:

First. That Indian River be set off as a mission.

Second. That Georgetown, Del., be set off as a mission.

Third. That at present it is inadvisable to sever Beaver Dam church from Milton Circuit.

Fourth. That the present relation of Portersville and Girdletree to Snow Hill be continued.

Fifth. That Spindler's be joined to Stewartstown Circuit, and Union Chapel be joined to Finksburg Circuit.

Sixth. That Unity Church, at Hurlock's Station, on Grove Circuit, be set apart as a mission; provided it can be supplied with a minister.

Seventh. That it is inadvisable to drop Geary's Chapel appointment from Caroline Circuit, and that this matter be referred to the President.

Eighth. That Chesterfield and Amelia Missions be consolidated under the name of Amelia Mission, without an appropriation.

Ninth. That at present it is inadvisable to divide Franklin City Circuit.

Tenth. That Ellicott City, All Saints, and Annapolis Junction, be made a mission, called Ellicott City Mission.

Eleventh. That Harrington appointment be made a station; that Greenwood and Bethel be set off as a circuit, to be called Greenwood Circuit; provided the President can supply both charges.

JAMES R. CATON, Chairman.

S.—See page 26.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Conference Home Missions beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

We have carefully considered all applications for help presented before us, and regret that our resources do not appear to meet the large demands upon us. Many fields are inviting our aid, and if we do not give the help solicited, the territory will be occupied by others and lost to us. We, therefore, recommend that all our pastors make most earnest efforts to increase the amount of collections, as we shall need the sum of \$2,825 to meet the requirements of our work the ensuing year.

We unite in recommending appropriations as follows: Cambridge \$200, provided the pastor gives Sabbath services to Madison and Chateau; Centreville \$200; Chincoteague \$75; Crumpton \$100; Cumberland \$100; Ellicott City, if supplied, \$200; Felton \$100; Georgetown, Del., if supplied, \$100; Leipsic \$100; Middleway \$100; Powellville \$100; Salisbury \$250; Seaford \$100; Talbot, if supplied, \$200; Unity Church, at Hurlock's Station, \$200 if separately supplied; Williamsport, if supplied, \$150; Wilmington \$200; to cover the deficiency of last year \$150.

We recommend that Leslie be recognized as a mission under the supervision of the pastor of Cecil Circuit, with an appropriation of \$200 if supplied.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. E. T. EWELL, Chairman.

T.—See page 26.

STEWARD OF SUPERANNUATED FUND.

In hand from last year	\$ 217.11
Check from J. G. Clarke	2,031.00
" Horace Burrough	2,784.42
Collection from District	1,890.70
Annual Dues	108.00
Anniversary Collection	91.40
Received from T. E. Coulbourn	10.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Claimants		
" Mrs. C. M. Thompson	. 150.00)
For Investment		
Expenses Corresponding Secretary	. 1.80	
Steward	. 1.20	
		7,130.22
Balance in hand, \$2.41.		
Delance in menu, water		
Amount of Claims		\$10,050.00
Amount Paid to Claimants		6,810.82
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Per centum .6777.		
	Claim.	Paid.
S. B. Southerland	\$ 600	\$ 406.62
J. W. Everist	100	67.77
H. J. Day	200	135.54
D. W. Bates	300	203.31
James Thompson	300	203.31
J. K. Nichols	250	169.42
W. G. Holmes	100	67.77
J. H. Ellegood	350	237.19
J. G. Sullivan	300	203.31
R. S. Norris	350	237.19
W. J. D. Lucas	400	271.08
J. A. Weigand	400	271.08
Mrs. I. T. Adkins.	200	135.54
"W. C. Ames	300	203.31
" Daniel Bowers	100	67.77
" Thos. M. Bryan	200	135.54
"C. T. Cochel	250	169.42
" W. T. Dumm	300	203.31
" J. M. Elderdice	350	237.19
" C. Eversole	200	135.54
" D. F. Ewell	200	135.54
" D. N. Gilbert	300	203.31
" A. Greenaway	200	135.54
" J. A. McFaden	350	237.19
" C. B. Middleton	350	237.19
" H. E. Miskimon	300	203.31
" J. E. Read	200	135.54
" D. E. Reese	250	169.42
" John Roberts	350	237.19
" D. A. Shermer	150	101.65
" T. M. Wilson	200	135.54
" P. L. Wilson	150	101.65
	200	135.54
" F. G. Wright	200	135.54
W. 1. Wilght	150	101.65
U. I'. WILLUSIAU	200	135.54
V. U. Vallation	200	135.54
W. P. Divingston	200	135.54
Inomas noc	350	237.19
Rev. T. D. Valiant		201.10
Mrs. C. M. Thompson		
	\$10,050	\$6,810.82
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U.—See page 26. TEMPERANCE.

Whereas the report on Temperance adopted at the last annual session is a clear and correct statement of the relation which the Methodist Protestant Church and its ministry sustains to this whole subject, and whereas this report comes to the Church with the solemn and authoritative voice of the General Conference, we, therefore, recommend its re-adoption as our report in connection with approved resolutions Nos. 4 and 5.

With pleasure and pride we call attention to the fact that the Methodist Protestant Church has always stood at the front of the most advanced thought and movement on the great question of Temperance. We rejoice in the success of any effort and any measure used to destroy the traffic in alcoholic drinks, and will gladly join in any effort for its restriction, which will not compromise our Christian character; but as every form of so-called restriction by license or taxation tends to entrench the traffic behind the cupidity of the tax payer, and renders us "partes participentes" to the crime of its continuance, we, therefore, believe that the only successful way of destroying this hydra-headed monster is by Constitutional Prohibition, State and National, and that the only efforts in which we, as Christian people, can engage are those which look toward this end; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we are unalterably opposed to any form of license, high or low, as being wrong in principle and pernicious in practice.

Resolved, 2nd. That any minister or member who makes, buys, sells or signs a petition for license to sell, uses or gives to others as a beverage any spiritous or malt liquors, is guilty of immorality, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

Resolved, 3rd. We believe the time has fully come when Christian men should rise above party prejudice and sectional jealousy, and give their suffrage to any party which has for its object the protection of our homes by the destruction of the unholy traffic.

Resolved, 4th. That we are more than ever convinced that the time of no compromise with the gigantic evil of intemperance has fully come, and that there is but one remedy, and that remedy is Prohibition, and that we request our ministry and laity to prove their faith by their works, and exhibit a consistency that will harmonize all our praying, preaching and voting.

Resolved, 5th. That the pastors of our stations, circuits and missions, be re-

Resolved, 5th. That the pastors of our stations, circuits and missions, be required to preach at least one sermon at each appointment on their charge upon the subject of temperance during the ensuing Conference year, prefaced by the reading of this report, if in his judgment it be expedient.

Resolved, 6th. That we are in sympathy with the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, and other Temperance organizations, and pray that God may speed the day when the Church of Christ shall say at the ballot box in every part of our great land to this great mountain of iniquity, "Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea," and it shall be done.

J. R. NICHOLS, Chairman.

V.—See page 26. FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Secretary of the Conference, with vouchers, and found it correct.

We recommend that 7 per cent. of the President's salary be paid to the Trustees of the President's parsonage for repairs, water rent, etc.

Your committee also beg leave to present the tabular statement of assessments for the various general interests of the District.

J. EARLE MALOY, Chairman.

W.—See page 27.

MT. OLIVET CHURCH.

Your committee, to whom was referred the request for action on a bill presented in the House of Representatives for the relief of the Trustees of the Mount Olivet Church, on Potomac Circuit, submit the following preamble, resolution and petition to Congress, and request its adoption.

L. W. BATES, Chairman.

WHEREAS, A Bill (H. R. 8552) for the relief of the Trustees of the Mount Olivet Methodist Protestant Church, Alexandria Co., Va., near Ball's Cross Roads, has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the 51st Congress of the U. S., by Hon. W. H. F. Lee, read twice, and referred to the Committee on War Claims,

Resolved, That this Annual Conference do present to Congress for reference to said Committee the following petition:

To the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your petitioners of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, now in session at Chestertown, Md., composed of 113 ministers and an equal number of laymen, and representing 20,000 church members, most respectfully commend to your favorable consideration and action the above bill.

The church asking for relief is within the bounds of this Conference, and has suffered ever since the war on account of the destruction of its property by the Union forces, and the relief asked for is proper, and the amount reasonable, and for the prompt passage of the bill we will ever pray.

W. M. STRAYER, President, W. R. GRAHAM, Secretary, Md. Annual Conference.

X.—See page 27.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your committee respectfully report that, from information obtained from Rev. D. W. Anstine, Conference Steward, they find that the aggregate amount collected on the Maryland District for the Maryland Bible Society is \$175.87, to which is to be added \$150 contributed by Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese through Rev. Thomas Myers, Agent of the Society, making a total of \$325.87.

We recommend that the following named persons be elected as Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society: Rev. B. F. Jester and T. Harry Bartlett; and that Revs. B. A. Dumm and S. F. Cassen be elected as Life Members of said Society.

Further, your committee report, that the whole amount collected on the District, as reported by the Conference Steward, for the Maryland Tract Society, is \$123.21. We recommend that the following named persons be made Life Directors: Rev. W. J. Neepier and Thomas A. Murray; and that the

remaining \$23.21 be applied to the transfer of Rev. W. W. White from the relation of Life Member to that of Life Director.

R. S. ROWE, Chairman.

Y.—See page 27.

PLAN FOR COLLECTING CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Your committee, to whom was referred the formulating a plan for the use of the charges in this District in collecting the Conference assessments, would respectfully submit the following report:

The amount assessed to each charge shall be apportioned to the appointments constituting said charge, on the basis of the apportionment for pastor's salary. As early as practicable in the Conference year the Stewards shall have prepared a sufficient number of cards, about the size of a postal card, on which shall be printed the following:

M. P. Church.

Maryland Annual Conference Assessments.

I hereby agree to pay the amounts annexed to the following list of Conference assessments for the current Conference year, payable on the demand of the Steward of _____ M. P. Church:

Conference	\$
Ministerial Education	
Seminary	
Superannuates	
Foreign Missions	
General Home Missions	
Maryland Conference Home Missions	
Name	

Please return to the Board of Stewards by

These cards shall be distributed to all probable contributors, fixing a time, not longer than four weeks, on or before which they shall be returned, filled out and signed, from which returns a list shall be made out for collection.

It shall be the duty of the pastors to see that this plan is faithfully executed.

J. E. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

Z.—See page 27.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, We believe the Sabbath to be a Divine institution, having its foundation alike it the ordinances of God and in the physical and spiritual nature of man, and that by its faithful observance alone can man attain to his highest development and greatest good in every department of his being and in all his complex relations; and, whereas, we believe that the observance of the first day of the week as the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, most perfectly carries out the will of God in this regard, therefore,

feetly carries out the will of God in this regard, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we heartly sympathize with, and will co-operate with every proper effort to secure the better observance of Sunday as a day of rest and worship, and we hereby commend to our churches and people the work of the American Sabbath Union and the Maryland Sabbath Association.

2d. That the Divine law of the Sabbath is essentially a law of beneficence, imposing its sanctions and exacting its obligations in the interest of all, having in view man's social, moral, physical and spiritual interests, and, therefore, its proper observance is commended as a precept and a promise, a privilege and a duty.

3d. That we deplore the tendency to secularize the Sabbath as a day of recreation, thereby destroying its sacred obligations and its uses as a day of holy observances and worship.

4th. That we hail with gratitude the growing disposition of railroads and other large corporations to accord to their employes a respite from their weekly toil.

5th. That we heartily endorse the efforts which are now being made to secure the passage by Congress at its present session of a Sabbath law for the District of Columbia, thus removing from our national capital the stigma of being one of the very few places in Protestant Christendom where no such law exists.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE SHREEVE, Chairman.

AA.—See page 27.

GENERAL HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on General Home Missions, in the review of this part of the Church's work for the past year, are happy to report a marked increase of interest and a hopeful indication that General Home Missions will in the near future be among the most vital enterprises of our efforts as a denomination. That the mission field in the South and West is peculiarly inviting to our Church has been told us repeatedly by those who have the work in charge; and the rapid growth of those places now under the fostering care of the Board of General Home Missions is an assurance that the money we can give in the aid of this work will he profitably expended.

We are gratified to learn that the Board has been able to extend aid to three new mission fields during the past year, making a total of 14 missions receiving their assistance, with an expenditure of \$3,621.96. This work has reached a point where it not only appeals to the Conference for financial aid, but along with this it comes pleading for efficient men of missionary zeal. In view of this fact we recommend that, if it be possible to spare such a man from our work, he be loaned to the Board of General Home Missions.

We recommend that the Committee on Finance apportion the sum of \$1000 to the various charges according to their best judgment.

We recommend that pastors preach on the subject of General Home Missions, and clearly state to their congregations the object, work, necessities, and advantages of this interest, and endeavor to collect the full amount of assessment.

We recommend that pastors use the missionary boxes furnished by Bro. Stout, the Corresponding Secretary, wherever it is practicable to do so.

F. H. MULLINEAUX, Chairman.

BB.—See page 27.

ON REPORT OF THE AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

We recommend-

- 1. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered the Agent of the Parsonage for his services, and that he be continued in the office.
 - 2. That the President pay amounts due out of the receipts of the past year.
- 3. That the President shall hereafter, in accordance with a previous action of this Conference, pay over to the Agent of the Parsonage 7 per cent. of the amount collected on the President's salary, out of which all expenditures on the Parsonage shall be made and accounted for to this Conference.

CC.—See page 27.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

W. M. STRAYER, PRESIDENT.

	ER, I RESIDENT.
	G. F. Farring, 2.
	W. M. Poisal, 1.
	.J. W. Gray, 5; J. R. Nichols, 4.
	A. D. Dick, 1.
	J. W. Forrester, 1.
Bedford	E. O. Ewing, 1.
Belair	S. A. Hoblitzell, 5.
Broadway	H. L. Elderdice, 6.
Cambridge	S. F. Cassen, 2.
Campbell	
Caroline	R. L. Lewis, 1.
	J. B. Jones, 2.
	S. R. Murray, 4.
Centreville	J. W. Balderston, 1.
Chesapeake	B. F. Benson, 3.
	W. R. Graham, 6.
Chincoteague	H. S. Johnson, 1.
	J. W. Norris, 1.
	C. H. Littleton, 3.
	G. Q. Bacchus, 1.
	C. E. McCullough, 1.
	J. F. Wooden, 1.
	. C. Ohrum, 3; one to be supplied.
Dorchester	W. D. Litsinger, 2.
	J. D. Kinzer, 5.
	To be supplied, 1.
	J. W. Trout, 2.
Eutaw	J. M. Gill, 6.

Fawn Grove	T T Teldardina 1
Felton	
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Finksburg	
First Church, Washington	
Franklin City	
Frederick	
Georgetown, D. C	L. W. Bates, 6.
Georgetown, Del	To be supplied, 3.
Indian Mission	To be supplied, 1.
Grove	A. S. Beane, 1.
Hurlock's	B. P. Truitt, 1,
Hampden	•
Howard	9 /
Harrington	•
Harper's Ferry	
Heathsville	
JeffersonJ. M	
Kennedyville	
Kent Island	
Laurel	
Leipsic	· ·
Liberty	9 ,
Lisbon	0 ,
Lynchburg	
Mariners'	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Middleway	
Milton	A. A. Harryman, 1.
Mt. Tabor	H. C. Cushing, 1.
Newark	
North Carolina Avenue	A. W. Mather, 2.
Oxford and Talbot	F. H. Mullineaux, 1.
Pipe Creek	J. W. Charlton, 1.
Pittsville	
Pocomoke	J. W. Parris, 1.
Pocomoke City	
Potomac	
Powellsville	/
Quantico	,
Queen Anne's	,
Reliance	•
Rowlandsville	,
St. James'	,
St. Luke's	• ,
St. Michael's	
Salisbury	·
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Seaford	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Snow Hill	B. F. Jester, 3.

Somerset South Baltimore Starr Stewartstown	J. E. T. Ewell, 8F. T. Little, 2.
Surry	J. G. Sullivan, 1.
Susquehanna	J. E. Maloy, 1.
Sussex	G. D. Edmonston, 2.
Union	W. W. White, 1.
Union Bridge	W. S. Hammond, 1.
Warwick	J. M. Yingling, 1.
Washington-Street	R. S. Rowe, 9.
West Baltimore	D. L. Greenfield, 8.
Westminster	J. L. Mills, 2.
Williamsport	To be supplied, 2.
Wilmington	F. T. Benson, 2,
Willington	
Waverly	G. W. Haddaway, 2.

Superannuates—J. W. Everist, 23; J. K. Nichols, 10; S. B. Southerland, 6; R. S. Norris, 3; D. W. Bates, 8; H. J. Day, 22; T. D. Valiant, 2; J. H. Ellegood, 13; James Thompson, 11; J. A. Weigand, 3.

Left without appointment at their own request—E. R. McGregor, 1; B. W. Kindley, 1.

- F. T. Tagg, Corresponding Secretary to Board of Foreign Missions, 6.
- T. H. Lewis, President Western Maryland College, 5.
- J. T. Ward, President Theological Seminary, 5.
- E. J. Drinkhouse, Editor Methodist Protestant, 16.

Loaned to Board of Foreign Missions—F. C. Klein, 8, and E. H. Vandyke, 1.

Loaned to Maryland Tract Society-J. T. Murray, 1.

Loaned to St. John's-J. J. Murray, 8; A. Webster, Pastor Emeritus.

Loaned to Chatsworth—T. O. Crouse, 1.

Not heard from-E. A. Warfield.*

^{*}Brother Warfield's letter asking to be left without an appointment for one year was not received until after Conference adjourned.—Secretary.

OBITUARIES.

DD.—See page 19.

REV. ROBERT T. SMITH, JR.

When the 20th day of May, 1889, came, this name was transferred from the ranks of the living to the larger ranks of the departed; from the records of the living men of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, to the enbalmed and honored list of its Dead Roll; and as we

doubt not, from the toilers of earth to the resting ones of heaven.

Brother Smith was born in Baltimore, September the 20th, 1850, and on the same day of the month thirty-eight years and eight months afterward, in the city of Washington, ended his earthly career. He had the inestimable advantages of Christian home associations and rearing, being of pious parentage, and belonging to a household where love, paternal, maternal and filial, was the governing law. It was a Methodist domestic circle in which he grew. His father, whose only son he was, and whose name he bore, from the son's infancy was prominently identified with the great Christian philanthrophy of the temperance reform. Practical religion—this was the atmosphere of Robert's home. No marvel that he was a good boy, and an utter stranger to the vices and immoralities to which the uncared for young life is always exposed. Connected with the Sunday school from childhood, he gave his heart to God in those early years, and on to manhood bore himself exemplarily and worthily of his profession. Reaching manhood, he studied law, was admitted to the Baltimore bar and entered upon what scenned his life-work. But the appearance proved to be deceptive. The ministry of the gospel ere long claimed his consecration. Hitherto he had been in association with the church of his family, but, for reasons of his own, he entered the Methodist Protestant Church, and at once threw himself heartily into the Sunday-school department of its activities, in connection with the Lexington-street congregation. There he publicly reconsecrated himself to the Saviour, and in a little while so commended himself to confidence as an efficient worker and so won the love of his associates, that he was promoted to the superintendency of the school. Subsequently he thought it best to resign this position and also his membership in the Lexington street charge, and seek a home and opportunities for the development of his Christian life in Starr Church. Here, as at Lexingtonstreet, while modest and unobtrusive, he was faithful and active in all his membership duties, and, by his general demeanor, soon secured the respect and affectionate interest of the pastor and people. The pastor grew very fond of him, and with the view of his spiritual development and progress, invited him to brotherly intimacies and confidences. Thus it was that, at length, Bro. Smith revealed his heart's desire to prepare for the work of the Christian ministry. He did prepare, as best he could with the facilities afforded him; was licensed by the Quarterly Conference, preached his first sermon in the pulpit of Starr, and in due time was admitted into the Maryland Annual Conference. This was at the session of 1874. He received regular appointments from that time through a period of thirteen years, but during the last of these years, his health having been declining for sometime, he was released from his charge, Rowlandville, and for the support of his family, accepted an office from the General Government, for which he had been qualified by his legal studies, and which required only light work. To accommodate him in

this, as he wished his Conference connection to be unbroken, he was left without an appointment at the Conference of 1888, and when the Conference of 1889 came he was lying at the point of death.

We have thus briefly sketched the life of our brother; our brother beloved —for to know him was to love him. He had all the elements of simplicity, sincerity, unselfishness, amiability and affectionateness to attract friends and to hold them fast. He was loved for these personal characteristics, and for his works' sake as well, on all his fields of labor; and as to those in the Conference with whom circumstances brought him intimately near, he was implicitly confided in as a friend—with all that friend implies. This is the testimony of one who, perhaps, knew him better—certainly knew him longer—than any of his Conference associates.

Another of the Committee now speaks—one who had very close relations with our departed brother for ten years, and who was a frequent visitor to him in the last days of his life:

"To me he was admirable because of his frankness, genial deportment and generosity. This latter was one of the more marked features of his life, and was always taking occasion to manifest itself. He had also a tender heart, a quick sympathy, and a willingness to assist wherever he could render aid. I never knew him to refuse to do a kind act where the way was open to his means or his labor. And I do not know but that he multiplied the burdens of his life somewhat, by a too ready response to some of these appeals to his liberality. As a son, I revere the expression of his filial devotion. He loved and venerated his parents, and to that solicitude for them which always characterized him, he added almost the last thoughts of his life, by sending his blind mother a message of the sincerest affection.

"It must be noted that he became a minister of our church against all the traditions of his family, and that he died in her fold, although repeatedly urged by the clergy of another denomination to leave us. This demonstrated

his choice as a work of principle, not an idle persuasion.

"In the pulpit he was tender, appealing to the heart and conscience of his auditors. Close reasoning, sustained argument he did not attempt, but addressed himself to the practical needs of his people, and sought to affect them by arousing their sympathies, and making them kindle into love at the example of Christ. And he was efficient in this manner of preaching, even with

men of base life.

"During his last sickness he strove to repress the longings of an ardent life for a longer earthly existence, and to come perfectly into unison with the divine intention expressed in his rapidly declining health. And by the grace of God he obtained the victory, and was able to converse of his death, and even to hope that his career might be briefer than it promised to be. But his desire for life was not for selfish enjoyment of it. He said: '1 may be condemned for this intermission in my labors during the last year, but I have not had strength to endure such work as was given me. It has, however, been all along my expectation to return to the pulpit, and I never so much as now yearned for health that I might once more be preaching. Should God give me back what vigor I once had, nothing would keep me from the work of the Gospel.'

"But that work was finished For more than a year he lived in the knowledge that death was near at hand, and was surprised that it was possible to remain at all in the body. And now that he has gone, we can see why he was detained here. For the sanctification of his spirit, for entire resignation to the divine will, for the heart to say, "Let the Lord do unto me as seemeth unto Him best,' was he kept, and having fallen asleep in Christ, we know he shall

rise again in the last day."

Thus lived and died as pure and true a man, one of as much real gold of character as the Maryland Annual Conference has ever missed from its ranks.

The remains were brought to Baltimore, and in the presence of a large company, including kindred, conference and church associates and friends, funeral rites were held at the father's house, at Starr church and at the grave. The ministers who officiated were: Doctors A. Webster, Southerland and J. J. Murray, and Revs. R. Scott Norris and S. R. Murray. There seemed to be great fitness in selecting Starr church for the funeral rites. Bro. Smith went from Starr into the Conference; at that altar he was ordained to the ministry; there he was married; and from thence, at the end of life, his breathless body was borne to the quiet shades of beautiful Loudon Park. Add to these impressive coincidences that the minister who signed the recommendation to the Annual Conference, and took part in the ordination, and officiated at the marriage, also had charge of the funeral service.

Our dear brother has left a widow and three children, the former the step-daughter of United States Senator, Hon. A. P. Gorman. The Lord be their refuge and consolation.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, Chairman.

REV. CHARLES McFEELY THOMPSON

Was born July 22d, 1843, joined the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church March, 1868, and died at Harrington, Delaware, April 9th, 1889. In early youth he gave his heart to God, and lived an exemplary, consistent, Christian life thenceforth to the time of his death. He enjoyed and practiced the religion he preached, and his deep piety was a power for good, backing his public ministrations with an influence that made them effective. On the 19th of October, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Caulk, of St. Michael's, Maryland, and took his bride with him to Norfolk, Virginia, to share the joy and the work and the honor of a Methodist preacher's life; and now, after seventeen years of married love and mutual consecration to the Master's service, she has come back to the home of her girlhood, like Naomi from Moab, bereft of her heart's treasure—bringing only his beloved remains to await the resurrection of the just. Brother Thompson was an earnest, fully consecrated, laborious minister of the Gospel. He was in love with his work, and therefore did it well. As a preacher he was very acceptable on all his fields of labor. His sermons, which took the essay form, were earnestly delivered, and, being full of Gospel truth, under the blessing of God they reached many souls and won them to Christ. He delighted in the quiet and gentle beauties of Nature, and where they had been taken by the inspired writers and illuminated with divine spirituality he loved to think upon them, and present to his people the wedded poetry and truth of the Bible. For example, he loved to preach on "The Dew Upon Hermon," "The Lily of the Valley," "The Cedar on Lebanon," and thereby commend to his hearers that deep inner experience which makes God as present and delightful to the soul as the morning dew is to the lily or the life giving sunlight to the cedar. As a pastor he was even more acceptable than as a preacher; and his devotion to the spiritual interests of his people, and his affectionate concern for their general welfare, gave him an abiding home in their hearts. Perhaps his chief characteristic was his ability to win and keep the deep tender love of his peo-The secret of this power lay in the fact that he made his people feel the full force of his strong love: for, true Christians as naturally reciprocate their pastor's love, as real flowers unfold their beauties and emit their fragrance at the kiss of the sunbeams; while ardent rays of love and of light may expose the lifelessness of artificials in both classes, respectively. He had by nature a sympathetic heart, which is a treasure to one in any relation in life, and when possessed by one who is consecrated to Christ in the work of the Gospel ministry, becomes abundantly prolific of blessings not only to its possessor, but to those with whom he may be conversant. Ministers who were Bro. Thompson's equals in intellect and energy have followed him in his appointments and may possibly have accomplished more in visible results; but no one has ever followed him who won and held the hearts of the people more than he. If he has been loved but little, his successor has not been loved much. His power to make people love him was illustrated in the meeting of the church at Harrington on the Sabbath after his death. The people met and began to weep. No one could sing, no one could talk, no one could pray; so they sat and wept in silence over the departure of the loving pastor whom they loved. He was never a strong man physically, but all the strength he had was used in his Master's service. Some think he hastened his death by excessive work; but he did not die prematurely, for a man who gives twenty years of solid work to the Gospel-ministry and leaves behind him an untarnished reputation—a name and a memory which awaken the tenderest emotions in the hearts of hundreds, including many who were led to Christ by his ministry—has lived a good long life; for real life should not be measured by the lapse of days, but by the abiding results of love and work. He was taken sick of pneumonia on the first day of April, 1889, and on the ninth day of the same month he died. He uttered no "dying testimony," but quietly passed to his reward, leaving a wife and two children, who look back upon the past with the tenderest recollections, and forward to the eternal future with the brightest anticipations.

J. M. HOLMES, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

CONDOLENCE.

1—See page 20.

Resolved, That this Conference learns with great regret of the death of the son of Dr. J. J. Murray, and hereby extends to Dr. Murray and his family the cordial sympathy of this Conference.

MASS MEETING.

2-See page 21.

Resolved, That a mass meeting be held this evening in the interest of our educational work, and that J. T. Ward, J. B. Walker and T. H. Lewis be requested to deliver addresses.

EVERY CHURCH TO FURNISH DISCIPLINES:

3-See page 26.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that every church in the District is in duty bound to furnish copies of the Discipline to its pastor to be presented by him to persons at the time of their reception into the church, and that it is incumbent upon the pastors to urge the performance of this duty.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

4-See page 26.

Resolved. That in view of assisting worthy young men to find ready admission into our schools to prepare for the ministry, the President of the Faculty of Instruction be authorized to associate with himself two other members of the Faculty to act as a committee for this Conference in the interim of the annual sessions in receiving the Quarterly Conference recommendations of applicants for aid from the Board of Ministerial Education, and in recommending such candidates as may approve themselves to the committee.

J. T. MURRAY.

5—See page 27.

Resolved, That this Conference cordially endorses the appointment of Rev. Dr. J. T. Murray to the agency of the Maryland Tract Society, and we believe that the Society will find in him a competent and faithful officer, and that its interests will be efficiently and successfully managed in his hands. We also assure Dr. Murray of our sympathy and support, and will cordially welcome him to our pulpits and our homes.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT KANSAS CITY.

6—See page 27.

Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized, and requested, to appoint three persons, ministers or laymen, of approved judgment, to visit Kansas City, Kansas, and, as the representatives of this Conference, look into the

proposed University scheme, and report through the *Protestant* their intelligent judgment of this great movement.

LOAN TO CHURCH EXTENSION.

◆ 7—See page 27.

Resolved, That we hereby authorize the Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society of this Conference to loan to the Church Extension Society of Baltimore the moneys of the Investment Fund coming into their hands at 3 per cent. interest.

BIBLE AND TRACT CAUSE OF DELAWARE.

8-See page 27.

Resolved, That money collected in Delaware for the Bible and Tract cause shall be paid to the Bible and Tract Societies of Delaware.

THANKS.

9-See page 27.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby cordially tendered to Messrs. Thos. A. Murray and James R. Caton for their valuable services in the matter of the incorporation of the Conference without charge.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the citizens of Chestertown for their uniform courtesy and kindness, and for the munificent hospitality with which they entertained the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference tender the thanks of the body to the pastor of the church for the thoughtfulness and cordiality with which he received the Conference and provided for their entertainment, and to the trustees for the use of their house.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the officers for their labors, and to all the steamboat and railroad companies for their courtesy in furnishing reduced fare.

· CHILDREN'S DAY COLLECTIONS.

10—See page 28.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that pastors shall not include in their collection on assessment for Foreign Missions the collection on Children's Day.

· CONFERENCE SERMON.

11—See page 28.

Resolved, That S. B. Southerland be requested to preach a Semi-Centennial Sermon at our next session, to take the place of the annual Conference Sermon.

BALTIMORE CITY MISSIONARY COLLECTION.

12-See page 22.

Resolved, That the Annual Conference be, and it is hereby, requested to appoint a missionary for Baltimore city, to act under the supervision of this Society in general missionary work; and that the Conference be requested to direct that the collections taken in our churches in Baltimore for Maryland Conference Home Missions be paid to the Treasurer of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society for mission work in this city.

FINANCIAL

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TABLES.

Assessments for the Year beginning April, 1890.

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Accomac	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$ 9.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	Col	Col
Alexandria	4.00	4.00	15.00	38.00	38.00	13.00	30.00	25.00		
Amelia	2.00	3.00	8.00	20.00	20.00	13.00	12.00	20.00	Col	Col
Anne Arundel.	6.00	8.00	25.00	56.00		19.00	36.00	35.00	Col	Col
Baltimore	4.00	6.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	8.00	30.00	25.00		
Barren Creek.	2.00	2.00	5.00	20.00		8.00	21.00		Col	Col
Bedford	7.00	8.00	30.00	38.00		13.00	50.00			
Belair	4.00	8.00	20.00	1		10.00	30.00			
Broadway	5.00	6.00	20.00				21.00			
Cambridge	3.00	5.00	12.00				26.00			
Campbell	2.00	3.00	5.00				13.00			
Caroline	5.00	6.00	20.00				40.00			
Cecil	6.00	10.00	25.00				61.00			
Central	5.00	12.00	30.00				53.00			Col
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Chesapeake Chestertown	7.00	12.00	15.00 35.00							
Chincoteague			5.00							
Clayton	3.00		15 00						Col	Col
Concord	3.00		20.00							
Crisfield	3.00		20.00							
Crumpton	2.00		10.00							
Cumberland	2.00		10.00							
Deer Creek	3.00		10.00			5.00				
Deer Park	3.00		15.00		30.00				Col	Col
Delta	3.00		10.00							
Dorchester	3.00		15.00							
East Baltimore			35.00							
Easton	8.00		40.00	1						
Ellicott City	1.00		6.00					0.00	Col	Col
Eutaw	4.00		15.00							
Fawn Grove Felton	4.00 3.00		20.00			1				
Finksburg	4.00		25.00							
First Church	4.00		15.00		1					
Franklin City.	3.00		15.00						Col	Col
Frederick	5.00		35.00						Col	Col
Georget'n, D.C.			40.00							
Georget'n, Del.			5.00					10.00	Col	Col
Greenwood	2.00	2.00	5.00	10.00			15.00			Col
Grove	4.00		15.00		1				Col	Col
Hampden	5.00		25.00							
Harper's Ferry			5.00		25.00			10.00		
Harrington			15.00							
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Jefferson	8.00		40.00			1				
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Note.—Conference Collection is for the incidental expense of the Annual Conference, including the publication of the Minutes. Seminary Collection is for the salary of the President of Westminster Theological Seminary, and should be sent to Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., Westminster, Md. Ministerial Education is to assist needy young men in securing an education to prepare for the ministry in the M. P. Church, and should be sent to Mr. Jno. H. Clancy, 98 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Superannuated Fund is for the worn-out preachers of the M. P. Church, in the Maryland District, their widows and orphans, and should be sent to Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Buckeystown, Md. Foreign Mission collections should be sent to Rev. F. T. Tagg, Easton, Md. General Home Mission collections should be sent to Rev. Benjamin Stout, Rockford, W. Va. Home Missions of the Maryland Conference should be sent to W. H. Silk, Cor. Saratoga and Howard Sts., Baltimore, Md. President at the time of his visit, or previously sent to 42 Parkin Street, Baltimore, Md. Pastors will always secure receipts from agents for money paid during the year.

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2	Alexandria	25.00	25.00		600.00	150.00
-	Amelia	12.00	12.00	250	250.00	450.00
4	Anne Arundel	35.00	35.00	1,050	1,010.00	150.00
	Barren Creek	$25.00 \\ 15.00$	$25.00 \\ 15.00$	600 350	600.00 206.79	150.00
	Bedford	40.00	40.00	500	490.00	60.00
8	Belair	25.00	25.00	700	700.00	240.00
9	Broadway	25.00	25.00	700	700.00	~10.00
10	Cambridge	20.00	20.00	525	475.00	78.00
11	Campbell	10.00	5.00	375	263.03	
12	Caroline	35.00	33.59	600	571.64	80.00
13	Cecil	35.00	35.00	700	700.00	100.00
14	Central	35.00	35.00	1,100	1,100,00	420.00
15	Centreville	25.00	25.00	500	500.00	150.00
16	Chesapeake	25.00	25.00	500	500.00	100.00
17	Chesterfield	10.00	10.00	150	104.04	
18	Chestertown	45.00	45.00	1,000	1,000,00	150.00
19	Chincoteague	10.00	10.00	250	250.00	
20	Clayton	20.00	17.00	475	445.00	125.00
21	Concord	30.00	18.00	450	320.00	40.00
44	Crisfield	25.00	25.00	600	600.00	125.00
23	Crumpton	15.00	13.00	300	300.00	90.00
24	Cumberland	15.00	15.00	450	410.00	120.00
20	Deer Creek	20.00	20.00	350	350.00	140.00
27	Delta	$20.00 \\ 20.00$	6.00	350	250 00	140.00
28	Dorchester	25.00	25.00	$\begin{array}{c} 600 \\ 625 \end{array}$	600.00 625.00	75.00
29	East Baltimore	40.00	40.00	1,000	1,000.00	240.00
30	Easton	50.00	50,00	800	800.00	240.00
31	Eutaw	20.00	20.00	600	620.00	240.00
32	Fawn Grove	30.00	30.00	575	682.79	75.00
33	Felton	15.00	15.00	400	355.00	80.00
34	Finksburg	30.00	30.00	600	600.00	75.00
35	First Church	20.00	20.00	800	800.00	240.00
36	Franklin City	20.00	20.00	400	400.00	
37	Frederick	50.00	45.33	634	550.14	75.00
38	Georgetown, D.C.	40.00	40.00	1,100	1,100.00	500.00
39	Georgetown, Del	10.00	10.00	75	75.00	
LU	Grove	20.00	20.00	380	380.00	60.00
10	Hampden	35.00	35.00	800	800.00	120.00
13	Harper's Ferry	10.00	10.00	376	400.00	60.00
14	Heathsville	25.00 20.00	$25.00 \\ 20.00$	600	600.00	150.00
15	Howard.	20.00	20.00	550 480	600.00	75.00
16	Indian River		20.00	400	434.18	100.00
17	Jefferson	45.00	45.00	1,050	1,050.00	125.00
18	Kennedvville	15.00	15.00	200	200.00	
F9	Kent Island	25.00	25.00	500	500.00	150.00
50	Laurel	35.00	35.00	650	650.00	125.00

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Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1890.

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67 PQ 68 QQ 69 QR 71 R 72 S 74 S 74 S 76 S 77 S		35.00	35.00		800.00	125.00
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79 QR 71 R 72 S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	owellsville	20.00	20.00		300.00	25.0
70 R 71 R 72 S 73 S 74 S 75 S 76 S	uantico	20.00	20.00	500	475.80	75.0
71 R 72 S 73 S 74 S 75 S 76 S 77 S	ueen Anne's	25.00	25.00	500	500.00	75.0
72 S 73 S 74 S 75 S 76 S 77 S	eliance	15.00	15.00	500	391.46	75.0
73 S 74 S 75 S 76 S 77 S	lowlandville	15.00	15.00	400	364.07	96 0
74 S 75 S 76 S 77 S	t. James	40.00	40.00	650	650.00	100.0
75 S 76 S 77 S	t. Luke's	30.00	30.00	900	900.00	240.00
76 S	t. Michael's	20.00	20.00	400	400.00	120.0
77 S	alisbury	20.00	20.00	450	425.00	160.0
77 S 78 S	eaford	-15.00			500.00	100.0
7 S I S	now Hill	20.00	20.00		600.00	100.0
	omerset	30.00	30.00		800.00	75.0
	outh Baltimore	20.00	20.00		800.00	240.0
30 S	tarr	40.00	40.00		1,200.00	
51 8	tewartstown	30.00	30.00		820.00	80 0
52 5	urry	20.00	15 00		325.00	60.0
535	usquehanna	25.00	25.00		700.00	100.0
54 5	ussex	15.00	15.00		500.00	25.0
50 T	albot	10.00	10.00		150.00	
	Inion Dridge	. 20.00	20 00		519.13	50.00
	Inion Bridge	20.00	20.00	000	500.00	
SO V	Varwick	40.00				50.0
100	Vashington-Street	30.00				
DI	Vest Baltimore	55.00		- /		
TE	Vestminster	1	50.00	900	900.00	200.0
02 V	Villiamsport	10.00	40.00		******	
V	Vilmington	10.00			525.00	
74 V			5.00	500	500.00	
0	Vaverly					
E	t. John's			82	82.00	
	Vaverlyt. John's		2,254.17			

^{* \$500} from Mrs. T. A. Reese for Nagoya Mission.

The above report includes \$10 paid to Church Extension Society of Baltimore, and \$30 paid for Nichol's Memorial Church.

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1890.

	То	ral.	ses.	and e-	ئب	al ts.	d eral s.	d ur-
0.	Assess.	Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve- ments.	Paid on Debt.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Pur- poses.
No.	Ą	Pa	ರ	B	Рв	To	Toll	Tot
	\$ -	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
51	365.00	295.00	45.00			340.00		367.00
52	620.00		95.00	30.00		745.00	121.71	869.21
53	755.00					955.00		
54	1,150.00					1,639.00		
55	410.00		174.99			1,620.99		
56	227.00					352.00		
57	610.00				9.91	1,019.91	70.10	1,019.91
58 59	442.50					611.10		
60	1,620.00 $1,125.00$			485.00	415.00	3,799.00		
61	640.00				410.00	1,840.00 775.00		1,956.71 900.46
$6\overline{2}$	670.00					795.00		795.00
63	600.00	600.00				685.00		
64	530.00			185.00		765.00		
$6\overline{5}$	960.00	960.00				1,780.00		
66	585.00			2,700.00		3,418.00	43.00	3,418.50
67	345.00	345.00		100.00		470.00	51.00	
68	595.00					745.80		
69	600.00					747.40		
70	590.00					1,221.40	53.10	
71	511.00				318.00	938.07		968.07
72	790.00					940.00		
73	1,170.00					1,920.00		2,072.30
74	540.00		65.00			1,285.00		1,325.00
75	630.00	605.00			100.00	923.00	101.00	1,020.00
76	615.00		181.00		100.00	946.00		1,047.07
77 78	720.00 905.00		225.00 311.00			1,645.00		1,749.69
79	1,060.00					1,887.00 $3,960.00$	178.03 63.50	2,065.03 4,023.50
80	1,480.00		500.00			2,330.00		2.566.00
81	930.00			800.00	200.00	2,239.44		2,333.88
82	480.00				200.00	406.80		441.01
83	825.00		131.00			1,724.00		1,942.00
84	540.00					615.00		670.00
85	160.00			50.00		210.00	43.93	253.93
86	670.00		48.00			1,042.17	75.88	1,118.05
87	664.00					939.00	113.52	1,052.52
88	690.00		150.00			840.00	36.27	971.29
89	-1,170.00	1,170.00	550.00	7,890.00	1,000.00	10,520.00	105.56	10,630.00
90	2,075.00	2,075.00	700.00	700.00	500.00	3,975.00	589.12	4,575.72
91	1,150.00		481.00	78.00		1,709.00	432.44	2,208.45
92								
93	535.00	535.00				1,165.00	65.85	1,230.85
94	505.00	505.00	180.00	100.00		785.00	22.27	807.27
95						40040	226.00	226.00
96	82.10	82.00	20.00			102.10	4.83	105.93
	00 200 00	04.014.00	01 (10 10	24 017 00	0.000.41	196 650 89	11 170 50	197 000 00

66,786.60 64,614.68 21,613.13 34,617.99 6,938.41 126,650.82 11,172.58 137,823.38

Financial Tables of the

Collections for General Interests

1						MIN. E	DUCA'N	SEMI	NARY.
No.	CHARGES.	Bible.	Tract.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
·		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Accomac	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00		5.00	10.00	10.00
. 2	Alexandria	.50	.50	4.00	4.00		4.00	15.00	15.00
3				2.00	2.00		3.00	6.00	4.00
	Anne Arundel.	1.00	1.00	8.00	2.00		4.00	25.00	10.00
	Baltimore			4.00	1.00		3.00	25.00	8.00
	Barren Creek	.10	.05	2.00	.15	3.00	2.30	10.00	7.71
7	Bedford	1.00	1.00	7.00	$\frac{2.00}{4.00}$		3.00		4.00
	Belair	$\frac{4.00}{1.00}$	2.50 $.90$	$\frac{4.00}{5.00}$	3.00		$8.00 \\ 4.00$	$20.00 \\ 20.00$	$20.00 \\ 7.30$
10	Broadway Cambridge	$\frac{1.00}{3.94}$	3.03	3.00	.65		2.43	12.00	7.00
11	Campbell	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.50		1.00	5.00	3.00
12	Caroline	1.50	1.00	5.00	1.25		4.55	25.00	7.00
13	Cecil	1.00	1.00	6.00	2.00		8.00	25.00	8.00
14	Central	3.53		5.00	5.00		10.00	30.00	30.00
15	Centreville	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00		5.00	20.00	5.00
	Chesapeake	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00		8.00	15.00	15.00
17	Chesterfield			1.00	.50	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.50
18	Chestertown	1.00	1.00	7.00	2.00		5.00	35.00	15.00
19	Chincoteague	.50	.50	1.00	1.00		3.00	5.00	5.00
20	Clayton	.50	.25	3.00	1.00		5.00	15.00	10.00
21	Concord	1.00	1.00		2.00		3.00	20.00	3.00
22	Crisfield	3.21	2.96	3.00	3.00		6.00	20.00	10.18
23	Crumpton	.40	.20	. 2.00	1.00		2.00	10.00	8.00
24	Cumberland	.50	.50	2.00	2.00		3.00	10.00	10.00
	Deer Creek	.55	.45	3.00	3.00		5.00	12.00	10.00
	Deer Park	.50	.50	3.00	1.00		.75	$15.00 \\ 10.00$	$\frac{1.00}{10.00}$
27	Delta Dorchester	.25	.25	2.00	$\frac{2.00}{1.00}$		$\frac{3.00}{2.00}$	20.00	2.00
	East Baltimore.	5.00	3.85	3.00 6.00	5.00		10.00	35.00	35.00
30	Easton		0.00	8.00	4.00		7.00	35.00	20.00
31	Eutaw	1.00	7.24		2.00		5.00	15.00	15.00
$\frac{31}{32}$	Fawn Grove	1.50	.57	4.00	4.00		10.00	15.00	15.00
33	Felton	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00		2.00	10.00	3.00
34		1.63	1.25	4.00	1.60		3.15	25.00	10.00
35	First Church	1.50	1.00	4.00	3.50	6.00	5.00	15.00	12.00
36	Franklin City			3.00	2.00		2.00	15.00	2.00
37	Frederick	.50	.50	8.00	2.50		4.50	35.00	8.00
	Georget'wn,D.C	5.00	3.00	7.00	10.00	12.00	5.00	50.00	17.00
	Georget'wn, Del		.50	2.00	1.00		1.00	5.00	1.00
	Grove	.50	.50		2.00		2.00	15.00	5.00
	Hampden	1.50	1.00		5.00		6.00	25.00	15.50
42	Harper's Ferry.	1.00	1.00		2.00		$\frac{3.00}{3.00}$	5.00 15.00	5.00 7.25
	Harrington Heathsville	$1.00 \\ .50$	1.35 .50		$\frac{2.00}{1.00}$		1.00	5.00	2.00
	Howard	.50	.00	3.00	3.00		4.00	15.00	11.00
46	Jefferson	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	1 1	10.00	35.00	25.00
	Kennedyville	.75	.75	3.00	2.00		1.00	12.00	5.00
	Kent Island			3.00	1.00		1.00	15.00	4.00
	Laurel	8.00	1.00		3.00		3.00	20.00	8.00
50	Leipsic	.50	.50		1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	2.00
51	Liberty	1.30	1.03	6.00	3.00	10.00	4.68	25.00	12.00
52	Lisbon	1.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	6.00	4.00	20.00	12.00

Maryland Annual Conference.

For the Year Ending April, 1890.

1	SUPERAN	NUATES.	HOME MI	ISSIONS.	GEN. HOM	E MIS'NS.	F.MIS'NS.	TOTAL.
No.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Paid.	Paid.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	^Ф 18.00	18.00	23.00	^Ψ 23.00	6.00	6.00	50.00	116.00
2	38.00	38.00	23.00	23.00	13.00	13.00		164.00
3	18.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	13.00	8.00	22.00	53.00
4	56.00	14.00	27.00	11.00	19.00	7.00		85.00
5	24.00	10.00	23.00	10.00	8.00	3.00	35.00	70.00
6	24.00	5.05	16.00	1.12	8.00	.62	9.20	26.30
7	38.00	6.00	38.00	15.00	13.00	2.00	30.00	64.00
8 9	30.00	30.00	23.00	23.00	10.00	10.00	30.00	131.50
9	29.00	29.00	16.00	16.00	10.00	6.00	65.00	132.20
10	18.00	5.15	20.00	15.00	6.00	1.50	12.28	50.98
11	10.00	2.50	10.00	4.00	4.00	2.65		18.65
12	30.00	12.41	30.00	13.00	10.00	3.70	29.48	73.89
13	38.00	20.00	46.00	46.00	13.00	5.00	40.00	130.00
14	38.00	38.00	40.00	40.00	13.00	13.50	39.00	179.03
15	28.00	12.00	38.00	13.00	9.00	2.50	45.00	86.50 161.00
16	29.00	29.00	27.00	27.00	10.00	10.00	64.00	29.48
17	9.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	3.00	2.65		246.63
18	92.00	43.00	46.00	46.00		20.00		54.00
19	12.00	12.00	8.00	8.00	4.00	4.00 5.00	20.00 14.00	54.75
20	35.00	12.00	20.00 23.00	12.00	12.00 10.00	3.00	4.00	35.00
21	29.00	10.00		8.00	7.00	7.00		131.96
22	20.00	20.00	16.00	16.00 10.00		4.00	20.00	55.60
23	18.00	$10.00 \\ 12.00$	10.00 20.00	18.00		3.00	60.90	109.90
24	15.00	15.30	20.00	20.00		7.00	20.00	81.30
25	$20.00 \\ 29.00$	3.00	20.00	1.00		1.30		39.75
26 27	25.00	12.50	16.00	16.00		9.00		129.50
28	47.00	9.50	28.00	10.00	16.00	1.00	18.00	44.00
29	60.00	35.00	54.00	45.00	20.00	15.00	89.20	243.05
30	65.00	40.00	54.00	42.80		10.00		726.80
31	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00		10.00		160.24
$3\overline{2}$	30.00	30.00	20.00	20.00		7.50	63.69	152.26
33	19.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	19.82	43.82
34	30.00	12.00	23.00	9.20		4.00	19.00	61.83
35	30.00	20.00	23.00	23.00	10.00	8.00	45.00	119.00
36	23.00	2.00	11.00	2.00	8.00			12.00
37	76.00	12.00	62.00	10.00	25.00	3.00		95.20
38	76.00	45.00	95.00	55.00		24.00		353.00
39	10.00	5.00	11.00	11.00		1.00	7.00	28.00
40	20.00	5.00	16.00	9.00	7.00	2.00	20.24	46.24
41	39.00	30.00	39.00	35.50		12.00		145.50
42	29.00	13.00	8.00	8.00		10.00		72.00 67.45
43	30.00	14.50	28.00	13.75		5.00		112.00
44	29.00	10.00	16.00	5.00		4.00		95.00
45	30.00	23.00	28.00	22.00		7.00 12.00		269.96
46	48.00	48.00	62.00	51.00	16.00	3.60		37.04
47	18.00	3.25	16.00	3.50		$\frac{3.00}{2.00}$		29.00
48	30.00	$\frac{5.00}{12.00}$	$\frac{28.00}{35.00}$	$\frac{4.00}{16.00}$		3.00	1	75.00
49	38.00 23.00	3.00	16.00	5.00		1.00		27.00
50	38.00	20.00	30.00	17.50	13.00	2.70		121.71
51 52	38.00	13.00		12.00		5.00		75.18

Financial Tables of the

Collections for General Interests

				CONFE	RENCE.	MIN. E	DUCA'N	SEMIN	VARY.
No.	CHARGES.	Bible.	Tract.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
53	Lynchburg	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	40.00	40.00
54	Mariner's	1.00	.50	2.00	2.00	4.00	4 00	8.00	8.00
55	Middleway	.25	.25	2.00	.50	3.00	1.00	10.00	1.00
56	Milton	5.00	.50	3.00	1.00	6.00	1.50	15.00	3.00
57	Mt. Tabor	4.00	3.70	5.00		6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00
58	Newark	3.00	2.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00		35.00
59	N. C. Avenue	1.00		3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00
60	Oxford	1.10	1.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	15.00
61	Pipe Creek	1.10		4.00	2.83		5.00		7.00
62	Pittsville	.50	.50	3.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	20.00	20.00
33	Pocomoke	.50	.50	3.00	1.00		1.50	15.00	5.00
64	Pocomoke City.	3.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	23.00
35	Potomac			2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	10.00	2.50
36	Powellsville	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	15.00	9.00
37	Quantico	1.50	.50	4.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	20.00	10.00
8	Queen Anne's	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00
39	Reliance	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	10.00	10.00
Ő	Rowlandville	1.00	1.00		1.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	5.00
1	St. James	2.00	.50	3.00	3.00			30.00	18.00
2	St. Luke's	1.00	1.00	5.00		10.00	6.00	90.00	10.00
-3	St. Michael's	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	$\frac{4.00}{2.00}$	20.00	2.00
Ă	Salisbury	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00		15.00	15.00
	Seaford	3.50	1.00 1.25	$\frac{3.00}{3.00}$	3.00 3.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	
B	Snow Hill	1.00	1.00				5.00	10.00	10.00
7	Somerset	1.65	1.39	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	8.00
9	S. Baltimore			4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	30.00	30.00
o	Starr	$\frac{3.00}{2.00}$	$\frac{1.00}{1.00}$	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	10.00
ď	Stewartstown	1.00		7.00	3.00	12.00	5.00	40.00	20.00
H	Siewalisiowii.	.40	1.00	5.00	1.21	3.00	4.85	20.00	4.00
5	Surry Susquehanna	0.00	.29	3.00	1.00	3.00		10.00	6.50
5	Susquenanna	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	20.00	20.00
	Sussex	.85	.75	3.00	1.41	4.00	2.54	12.00	5.00
当	Talbot	1.00	1.00	1.00	.63	2.00	2.00	5.00	
9	Union	.50	.50	4.00	2.50	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00
9	Union Bridge.		1.25	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	12.00
	Warwick	1.00	1.00	6.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	23.00	18.00
8	Washington St		10.25	6.00	4.00	7.00	5.25	18.00	15.28
	W. Baltimore.	14.41	14.40	8.00	8.00	18.00	7.37	50.00	20.47
	Westminster		3.50	8.00	8.00	14.00	14.00	50.00	41.61
	Williamsport								
6	Wilmington Waverly	.25	.25	3.00		4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00
A	waverly	1.00	1.00	2.00		3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00
4	Indian River Ellicott City	1.00	1.00				2.00		2.00
0	Ellicott City	00.00	• • • • • •						
0	St. John's Ind	26.00	• • • • • •		5.00				10.00
1	Total	185 08	100.01	02000	077 70		151.00	1 240 00	1 00% 00

For the Year Ending April, 1890.

	SUPERAL	NNUATES.	HOME M	lissions.	GEN. HOM	E MIS'NS.	F. Mis'ns	TOTAL.
No.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Paid.	Paid.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
53	45.00			39.00		15.00	285.30	
54	20.00		16.00	16.00	7.00	7.00	35.75	
55	18.00		16.00	1.00		1.00	2.00	
56	30.00	12.00	28.00	8.20		4.00	34.90	
57	38.00			11.00		12.00		
58	65.00		45.00	45.00	22.00	22.00	165.00	
59	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	46.71	116.71
60	20.00	20.00	16.00	16.00	7.00	3.25	58.11	
61	30.00	11.58	23.00	13.00	`10.00	7.03	50.70	
62	20.00	18.00	20.00	18.00	7.00	6.00		
63	20.00	6.50	16.00	5.50	7.00	3.00		
64	50.00	20.00	54.00	54.00	16.00	13.00	42.00	174.00
65	12.00	5.50	11.00	10.00	4.00	4.00		
66	25.00		16.00	14.00	8.00	2.00	16.00	
67	29.00		16.00	16.00	10.00	5.00	44.94	
68	38.00		23.00	22.00	13.00	12.00		181.65
69	19.00		16.00	4.00		1.00	24.10	
70	30.00	5.00	16.00	5.00		5.00	5.00	
71	75.00	40.00	40.00	24.00	25.00	10.00		
72	38.00		30.00	30.00	13.00	5.00	66.80	
73	20.00 22.00		11.00	4.00	7.00	3.00	20.00	40.00
74			11.00	11.00	7.00	7.00	37.00	101.00
75 76	19.00	$\frac{19.00}{10.00}$	16.00	$\frac{16.00}{28.00}$	6.00	6.00	39.32	
77	$\frac{35.00}{40.00}$	40.00	28.00 30.00	35.00	$12.00 \\ 13.00$	$12.00 \\ 13.00$	37.69	
78	30.00	14.00	25.00	11.00	10.00	5.00		
79	95.00	60.00	115.00	45.00	32.00	10.00	$10.50 \\ 55.00$	
80	38.00	14.60	30.00	28.50	13.00	5.00	34.28	
81	29.00	12.00	23.00	8.00	10.00	3.00	10.50	
82	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	102.00	208.00
83	19.00	9.36	11.00	7.65	6.00	2.83	25.25	55.64
84	20.00	7.55	20.00	8.00	6.00	3.05	12.75	40.98
85	30.00	20.00	23.00	16.00	10.00	16.25	15.13	85.88
86	30.00	30.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	30.02	113.52
87	57.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	19.00	10.00	22.00	117.00
88	57.00	28.60	30.00	30.00	19.00	7.13	50.00	115.61
89	100.00	84.06	80.00	84.72	33.00	34.94	250.00	518.37
90	76.00	60.75	70.00	57.85	25.00	21.35	219.54	433.45
91								
$9\overline{2}$	19.00	19.00	11.00	11.35	6.00	6.00	14.00	65.85
93	12.00	2.27	5.00		4.00		12.00	22.27
94		5.50		5.00		2.00	8.00	28.50
95		1.27					1.28	2.55
96		101.00		15.00		10.00	25.00	192.00
	3,111.00	1,890.70	2,457.00	1,770.64	1,053.00	649.75	4,910.41	11,172.58

^{*} Mrs. T. A. Reese \$500 for Nagoya Mission.

Financial Tables of the

Collections for Foreign Missions

CHARGES.	Paid on Assessment.	Sundry.	Children's Day.	Rev. Klein's Lecture.	Mrs. Klein's Plan.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1 Accomac	25.00		25.00		
2 Alexandria			25.00		
3 Amelia			9.25		
4 Anne Arundel	15.00		20.00		
5 Baltimore			30.00		
6 Barren Creek			6.45	• • • • •	
7 Bedford					
8 Belair	20.00				
9 Broadway					
11 Campbeil.					
12 Caroline.	13.35		16.13		
13 Cecil					
14 Central			0		
15 Centreville					
16 Chesapeake	29.00		$\frac{30.00}{6.05}$		
18 Chestertown	45,00		13.09		
19 Chincoteague	12.00	L	8.00		
20 Clayton	14.00				
21 ('oncord					
22 Crisfield	20.00		43.61		
23 Crumpton	15.00	10.00	5.00	30.00	
24 Cumberland	90.00	10.90	20.00	50.00	
25 Deer Creek			29.00		į
27 Delta			30.00		1
28 Dorchester					
29 East Baltimore			47.00	13.60	
30 Easton			61.00		
31 Eutaw			50.00		
32 Fawn Grove			41.19		
33 Felton	0.00		10 00		
35 First Church			25.00		1
36 Frankliu City					
37 Frederick			47.40		
38 Georgetown, D. C	24.00		165.00		
39 Georgetown, Del	1		6 00		1
40 Grove			20.24		
41 Hampden)			
42 Harper's Ferry)			
43 Harrington)	w.O 0 0		
45 Howard					
46 Jefferson				24.20)
47 Kennedyville			17.19		
48 Kent Island	12.00				
49 Laurel			10.00		
50 Leipsic	3.00)	10.00		

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No.	Nagoya School and Church.	Permanent Fund.	Albums.	Busy Workers.	Special Collections.	W. F. M. S.	Ássessment,	Total Paid.
	\$	*	*	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1			3.00		25.00		18.00	50.00
2		5.00	3.00		33.00	30.02	38.00	66.00
3					22.65	9.25	18.00	22.65
4					20.00 30.00	9.20	$56.00 \\ 24.00$	35.00 35.00
6					6.45		24.00	9.20
7							38.00	30.00
8							30.00	30.00
9	36.00					20.00	29.00	65.00
10							18.00	12.28
$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 12 \end{array}$					16 19		$\frac{10.00}{30.00}$	$\frac{2.00}{29.48}$
13					10.10		38.00	40.00
14							38.00	39.00
15					25.00		28.00	45.00
16			5.00		35.00		29.00	64.00
17				8.78	14.83		9.00	14.83
$\begin{array}{c} 18 \\ 19 \end{array}$					8.00		92.00 12.00	113.63 20.00
20				• • • • • • • •	. 0.00		$\frac{12.00}{35.00}$	14.00
21							29.00	4.00
22	•		•		43.61		20.00	63.61
23					5.00		18.00	20.00
24					60.90		15.00	60.90
25					20.00		20.00	20.00
26 27	1				29.00		$\frac{29.00}{25.00}$	31.00 84.00
28							47.00	18.00
29						101.00	60.00	89.20
30	*500.00				*561.00	78.95	65.00	*603.00
31					50.00	6.00	25.00	75.00
32				15.00	41.19		30.00	63.69
33					1000		19.00	19.82 19.00
95					25.00	4.55	30.00 30.00	45.00
36					20.00	7.00	23.00	2.00
37					47.40	16 48	76.00	54.20
38					165.00	65.92	76.00	189.00
							10.00	7.00
				i i	1	10.00	20.00	20.24
41					l l	13.00	39.00 29.00	39.00 29.00
43		3 00			3 00		30.00	17.50
		0.00					29.00	88.00
45							30.00	25.00
46					79.14	23.31	48.00	105.96
47			1				18.00	17.19
48							30.00	12.00
					10.00		38.00 23.00	21.00 13.00
00					10.00		20.001	10.00

Financial Tables of the

Collections for Foreign Missions

No.	CHARGES.	Paid on Assessment.	Sundry.	Children's Day.	Rev. Klein's Lecture.	Mrs. Klein's Plan.
1234567890123456789012345 55555555666666666667777777778888888888999999	Liberty. Lisbon. Lynchburg Mariner's. Middleway Milton Mt. Tabor. Newark N. C. Avenue. Oxford Pipe Creek Pittsville. Pocomoke Pocomoke City. Potomac Powellsville. Quantico Queen Anne's. Reliance. Rowlandville St. James'. St. Luke's. St. Michael's. Salisbury Seaford. Snow Hill. Somerset South Baltimore Starr. Stewartstown Surry Susquehanna Sussex Talbot Union. Union Bridge. Warwick Washington-Street West Baltimore Westminster. Williamsport Willmington. Waverly St. John's (Ind.) Indian River	\$ 27.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 32.00 25.18 125.00 15.75 	\$	5.00
.,,	Ellicott City	2,072.08	51.90	1,645.84	235.00	6.50

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No.	Nagoya School and Church.	Permanent Fund.	Albums.	Busy Workers.	Special of Collections.	W. F. M. S.	Assessment.	Total Paid.
51 52		*			\$ 32.00 25.18	\$ 2.50	\$ 38.00 38.00	59.50 25.18
53 54 55	• • • • • • • •				240.30 15.75	97.00	45.00 20.00 18.00	285.30 35.75 2.00
57 58	100.00			18.06	29.90 18.48 100.00	73.20	$30.00 \\ 38.00 \\ 65.00$	34.90 56.48 165.00
42 47				3.00		56.95	30.00 20.00 30.00	$\begin{array}{r} 46.71 \\ 58.11 \\ 50.70 \end{array}$
$\frac{62}{63}$					13.00 15.00		20.00 20.00 50.00	29.00 20.65 42.00
65					9.00		$ \begin{array}{c} 12.00 \\ 25.00 \\ 29.00 \end{array} $	10.00 16.00 44.94
68 69	• • • • • • • •				54.65 13.00		38.00 19.00	85.65 24.10 5.00
70 71 72					27.00 41.80	16.50	30.00 75.00 38.00	77.00 66.80
74 75				21.72	21.72		20.00 22.00 19.00	\$0.00 37.00 39.32
76 77 78					40.00		35.00 40.00 30.00	37.69 45.00 10.50
79 80 81					8.05	35.00	95.00 38.00 29.00	55.00 34.28 1 0. 50
82 83 84					72.00 17.25		30.00 19.00 20.00	$ \begin{array}{r} 102.00 \\ 25.25 \\ 12.75 \end{array} $
85 86 87							30.00 30.00 57.00	15.13 30.02
88 89 90	50.00				8.88 103.54	65.75 66.00	$\begin{array}{c} 57.00 \\ 100.00 \\ 76.00 \end{array}$	50.00 250.00 219.54
91 92 93					10.00	5.70	19.00 12.00	14.00 12.00
94 95	25.00				25.00 6.00		12.00	25.00 8.00 1.28
96	742.59	8.00	13.00	79.96	2,838.33	994.08	3 111.00	

^{*}For School in Nagoya \$500, included in report from Easton, paid by Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese.

Statistical Tables of the

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	ed s.				I	PROBAT	IONE	ers.		
CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	Members.	No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll
Accomac		2 8 9 8 14 20 8 9 19 4 1 25 7 2 2 10 3 3 3 8 6 4 3 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1	275 156 18 238 242 179 219 162 237 226 161 199 360 148 129 240 65 167 147 251 255 225 40 105 352 127 281 145 289 472 224 25 287 385 126 31 210 89	2 4 4 8 1 15 11 12 20 6 76 76 14 20 82 8 8 8 3 6 30 2 27 2 2 2 8 8 8 31 31 35 8 8 31 8 31 8 31 8 31 8 31 8 31 8 31	2 34 10 19 28 11 144 155 68 28 9 31 72 31 61 18 22 444 66 77 453 12 15 66 20 18 9 14	2 22 10 10 29 17 1 5 7 28 1 1 1 29 24 2 13 16 17 16 89 61 18 7 7 19 1 1 16 47 7 7 36 4 7 3 3 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4	2 8 3 2 8 3 2 28 3 2 11 14 	2 1 1 1 1 5	2 8 9 8 14 200 8 9 19 4 1 8 11 25 7 2 100 33 3 3 8 6 43 10 10 10 11 20 11 11 20 9 9 12 11 61 11 20 9 12 1 1 61 11 20 9 14 1 61 11 20 9 1 61 11 20 9 1 61 11 20 9 1 61 11 20 9 1

For the Year Ending April, 1890.

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-				MEME				SA	BRATE	SCHO	ols.	Con	VER-	BA	
No. on Roll	at last Conference. Rec'v'd from	Probation.	Rec'd by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontinu'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol- ars received.	Scholars now on Roll.	In School.	In Congregation.	Infants.	Adults.
1234567890123456789012345678901234567890123445678	273 135 110 231 318 164 240 165 232 203 159 221 288 135 113 93 205 76 150 165 233 62 107 77 150 135 169 200 306 220 38 108 339 126 295 137 203 473 197 12 222 392 111 268 240 153 30 205	2 22 10 10 10 29 17 1 5 7 28 1 1 1 72 3 4 4 6 6 4 11 1 16 4 7 7 30 14 4 73 76 3 3 27 1 6 6 6 7 1 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 ₂	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	106 5 20 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	2 2 1 1 2 1 3 3 3 3 1 8 2 1 1 2 5 7 3 2 2 7 7 2 5 2 1 5 3	275 156 118 238 242 179 219 162 237 226 161 199 360 148 129 107 232 78 165 169 240 61 99 91 167 147 251 255 225 40 105 352 127 281 145 289 472 224 25 287 385 142 267 164 31 216	3 1 2 4 3 3 5 5 4 1 2 3 3 6 6 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 3 1 2 1 2 3 4 2 4 3 1 1 1 1 4 4 3 4 1 4 7 1 1 1 4 2 1 3 4 3 5 5 5 5 6 1 2 1 5 6 1 2 1 2 3 4 2 4 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	42 30 20 38 35 31 60 40 22 23 20 18 75 15 19 18 38 17 16 40 30 19 22 17 34 20 35 50 40 23 11 10 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 4	104 13 31 18 26 37 10 30 65 25 25 18 8 10 15 51 10 20 10 13 56 35 10 20 11 6 49	404 244 90 207 225 180 278 175 206 165 262 400 81 150 116 275 90 160 221 245 121 124 95 159 253 150 230 400 195 599 100 407 156 330 113 300 555 186 90 270 575 100 400 220 400 170 35 424	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \vdots \\ 6 \\ 13 \\ \vdots \\ 12 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ \vdots \\ 14 \\ \vdots \\ 28 \\ 5 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ \vdots \\ 28 \\ 5 \\ \vdots \\ 28 \\ \vdots \\ $	38 9 13	6 23 1 48 6 6 17 15 26 6 11 14 12 3 10 13 12 12 10 14 22 17 3 1 12 30 10 5 8 5 10 10 2 4 21 28 6 6 7 21 31 20 6 3 5 17 6 28	2 11 8 6 6 6 7 11 12 2 11 6 3 2 2 15 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Statistical Tables of the

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

		ed s.	1		PROBATIONERS.							
No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	ber	at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	
55555566666666677777777788888888899999 9999	Milton Mt. Tabor Mt. Tabor Newark N. C. Avenue. Oxford Pipe Creek Pittsville Pocomoke City Potomac Powellsville Quantico Queen Anne's. Reliance. Rowlandville St. James St. Luke's. St. Michael's Salisbury Seaford Snow Hill South Balto Starr Stewartstown Surry Susquehanna Sussex Talbot Union	1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 3 5	3 37 11 54 3 55 3 2 4 5 1 34 25 14 21 28 25 76 62 21 34 8 30 5 4 29 56 2 12 63 1 11	229 255 242 198 67 186 125 220 91 113 171 228 302 307 93 146 259 114 175 132 153 111 153 154 337 253 150 225 264 193 189 220 58 298 97 175 265 99 338 233 75 116	8 8	53	10 20 12 5 16 45 40 42 44	2	4 22	1	3 37 11 54 3 85 3 2 4 4 5 1 34 5 25 14 21 28 20 35 76 62 21 34 29 56 2 12 63 11	
	Total			19,441		2,247					1,206	
	Report of 1889	64	1,375	17,870		1,945		-	240	17	1,375	
	Gain Loss	3	169	1,571	100	302	489		3 . 19	2	169	

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No.	No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'v'd from Probation.	Rec'd byCertificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol- ars received.	Scholars now on Roll	In School.	In Congregation.	Infants.	Adults.
54567890123456789012345678901234565555556666666667777777778888888888999999	215 231 196 109 70 173 131 216 99 133 161 185 263 271 89 145 266 124 173 125 140 138 87 140 138 87 140 153 204 255 188 240 153 204 255 188 244 96 174 241 49 341 197 75 17,870 17,161 709	31 24 44 88 2 26 5 21 1 70 40 30 41 11 16 7 12 16 28 31 38 37 10 20 12 5 16 18 41 42 44 44 41 42 43 43 44 45 46 47 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48	10 5 2 7 9 6 3 3 5 3 2 3 1 2 1 4 4 3 2 10 8 15 2 3 30 19	5 2 4 4 2 10 5 4 15 1 2 2 4 15 1 2 2 4 2 11 2 7 8 4 2 11		203	229 255 242 198 67 186 125 220 91 113 171 228 302 307 93 146 259 114 175 111 111 153 154 327 253 150 225 264 193 189 220 58 297 175 265 99 175 175 175 175 175 175 175 175	$237\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2,761}{157}$			$ \begin{array}{c c} 7 \\ \hline 31 \\ \hline 682 \\ \hline 652 \\ \hline \end{array} $	1395		498

PROPERTY STATISTICS

PROPERTY STATISTICS											
No.	CHARGES.	No. of Appointments	Churches.	Parsonages	Church Papers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property	Amount of Debt.	Insured ?	
1	Accomac	3	4	1	23	310	275	\$ 7,000	\$ 178	No.	
2	Alexandria	1	1	1	22	225	250	9,000		Yes.	
3	Amelia	2	2		22			2,400		No.	
	Anne Arundel	6	6	1	21	200		12,000		No.	
	Baltimore	5	5	1	13		369	6,500	500	Partly	
6	Barren Creek.		3	. ; .	8		950	4,920	1,086		
7	Bedford	6	6	1	26		350	11,200 12,000		No. Partly	
	Belair		4	1	35		250 600	33,500			
	Broadway	1 3	1 3	1 1	12 27			5,500			
	Cambridge Campbell		6	2	7		51	3 ,550		No.	
	Caroline	4	4	· · ·	18		750	6,100		Yes.	
13	Cecil		5	1		250		15,000	400	Yes.	
	Central	1	2		40			120,000			
	Centreville	1	2	1	10		140	15,500	3,000	Yes.	
	Chesapeake	2	2 2 2 1	1	15	80		8,500	500	Yes.	
	Chestertown.	1		1	38		328	30,500		Yes.	
18	Chincoteague	1	1		8			1,500	50	Yes.	
	Clayton	3	3	1	11			8,000		Partly	
	Concord	4	4	1	14			8,200		Yes.	
	Crisfield	1	1	1	9		1			Yes.	
	Crumpton		2	1	14		130	5,507		No.	
	Cumberland	1	1	1	11			.10,000		No.	
	Chesterfield	2			8			4.000		No.	
	Deer Creek	3	3		. 8	50 150		4,000 4,000		Yes. Yes.	
	Deer Park	$\frac{4}{2}$	4	4	10 20			7,000	400	Yes.	
	Delta	4	2 4	1 1	12		200	10,000		Partly	
	E. Baltimore.		2	1	20		500	20,500		Yes.	
	Easton		1	1	41			20,000		Yes.	
31	Ellicott City.		1		2		260	1 000		No.	
32	Eutaw	1	1	1	15	90				Yes.	
	Fawn Grove.		4	1	14					No.	
	Felton		3	1	6			3,100		No.	
	Finksburg		4	1	23			12,000		Yes.	
36	First Church	. 1	1	1	11	135	200	17,000	1,300	Yes.	
	Franklin City		4					5,000	290	Partly	
38	Frederick		8	1	30			15,000	200	Partly	
	Georgetown.		1	1	25			25,000		Yes.	
	Georget'n,De	l 1	1					1,200		Yes.	
	Grove		5	1	11			8,000		Partly	
	Hampden		2	1		575		11,000		Yes.	
	Harper's F'ry		1	1	97			6,000		No.	
	Harrington			1	37			7,800		Yes.	
	Heathsville			1 1	100			15,000 $7,000$		Yes. Yes.	
	Howard Indian River			1			400			No.	
	Jefferson	1		1	21					Yes.	
	Kennedyville			1			200				
	Kent Island.			1	11					1	
	Laurel			1	12						

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CHARGES	No. of Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages	Church Papers Taken	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property	Amount of Debt	Insured ?
52 Leipsic	. 1		l	10	84		\$ 2,000		No.
53 Liberty 54 Lisbon	. 4		1 1	26 24			10,000 8,800		Partly
55 Lynchburg	. 1	4		25					Yes.
56 Mariner's	. 1	1	1	21	163		3,250		Yes.
Middleway.	. 3	2	1	3			4,000	200.00	Partly
Milton		1 .	1	25					
9 Mt. Tabor				10	150			899.91	Yes.
30 Newark 31 N. C. Avenu			1	24 15					Yes.
32 Oxford	e 1 1		i	20	256 150				Yes.
Pipe Creek	. 2		1	18					
64 Pittsville	. 3	3	1	9	196		5,000		Partly
Pocomoke	. 4	4	1	24					Partly
36 Pocomoke C'	2	2	1	30				300.00	
Potomac			1	14	160		7,200		Partly
Powellsville.	. 3	3	1	12	125				Partly
39 Quantico 70 Queen Anne		5 2	1 1	40	40 220				Partly
1 Reliance	. 2		1	40 10	125		3,500 3,800	320.00	Yes. Partly
2 Rowlandville	3		1	4	125	440	9,150		Yes.
3 St. James	3		1	23	30				Yes.
4 St. Luke's	. 1	1		12	330				
5 St. Michael's	. 2	2	1	18		200			Yes.
6 Salisbury	. 2	2	1	12	194	100			
7 Seaford	. 1	1	1	10	219		2,500	400.00	
8 Snow Hill	. 5	5	1	18	230		8,000		
9 Somerset	. 2	2 1	1	36	300		5,000		Yes.
30 South Balto. 31 Starr	1 1		1 1	8 35	. 200 . 400	187 300	$23,000 \\ 43,000$		No.
32 Stewartstown	$\frac{1}{5}$	5	1	12	600		15,300		
Surry	2	2	i	19	150	70	3,141		Partly
34 Susquehanna	. 3	3	î	38	160		10,000		Yes.
Sussex	. 4	4	1	17	2	220	4,500	275.00	
Talbot	1	2		14	33	40	1,500		No.
Union	. 5	2 5 2		14		283	8,300	184.95	No.
88 Union Bridge	2	2	1	16	150	220	12,950		
9 Warwick Washing'n-S	3 t 1	3 2	1	20	1775	150	9,000 45,000		No.
Waverly	. 1	1	1	18 3	175 143	$\frac{400}{140}$	1 700		Ves.
2 West Balto				86	275	600	30.000		Yes.
3 Westminster			1	39	258	382	23,000	173.00	Yes.
Wilmington.	. 1	1		4	355		8,000		Yes.
Total	040	0401	174	1 700	10.010	99 700	\$1 009 019	₽70 100 CM	
Report of 1889	266	261 1	681	1,722	16,117	22,702 23,717	\$1,003,918 1,008,460	70,947.00	
		_							
Gain Loss	20	13	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2	502	1.015	\$ 4,542	\$247.67	
Number of Charg				21					

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society met in Chestertown M. P. Church, Monday, April 7th, 1890, at 7 P. M. In the absence of H. C. Cushing and T. D. Valiant, First and Second Vice-Presidents, B. F. Benson was called to the chair.

As J. G. Clarke, Treasurer of the Society, was not present, D. L. Greenfield submitted the Treasurer's report, which was adopted.

C. E. McCullough was appointed to collect annual dues.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: First Vice-President, B. F. Benson; Second Vice-President, J. E. Nicholson; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather, Recording Secretary, B. W. Kindley.

The present Board of Managers was re-appointed, consisting of E. J. Drinkhouse, J. J. Murray, D. L. Greenfield, J. E. T. Ewell, Horace Burrough, J. H. Elliott, J. A. C. Kahler, J. G. Clarke.

No further business, adjourned.

B. W. KINDLEY, Secretary.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., April 4th, 1890.

The Home Missionary Society met, with Dr. J. L. Mills in the chair.

The officers were elected as follows: President, J. L. Mills; 1st Vice-President, J. E. Maloy; 2d Vice-President, J. S. Bowers; 3d Vice-President, J. W. Trout; Secretary, G. W. Haddaway; Treasurer, W. H. Silk. Board of Managers—D. L. Greenfield, J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Little, R. S. Rowe, W. H. Silk, W. J. C. Dulany, J. N. Gilbert and T. Harry Bartlett.

The report of Treasurer having been audited by the Board of Managers, was read and adopted. The Treasurer's check for five hundred and ninety-eight dollars and twenty-four cents (\$598.24) was handed to the Steward of the Home Missionary Fund.

The Society adjourned to meet to-night at 7.30.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., April 4th, 1890.

The Home Missionary Society held its Anniversary in Christ M. P. Church at 7.30 P. M. Mr. J. R. Caton, of Alexandria, Va., delivered the annual address. At the close of the evening's exercise a collection was taken, resulting \$220.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Secretary.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

BY REV. L. W. BATES, D. D.

That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.—Phillipians i. 10.

I have selected a text because the Conference requested me to preach a semicentennial sermon, but the sermon feature of my address will necessarily be short, as my plan, or line of thought, partakes more of the historical or reminiscent character than that of technical sermonizing, and, therefore, you may expect me soon to change from the dignified and grave style of the preacher to the ease and freedom of the lecturer.

Classical scholars tell us that a better rendering of the text would be, "try the things that differ." Either translation will answer our purpose, for good things differ in their goodness, as some good things are better than some other good things; and even though not intrinsically better, yet some good things are better adapted to our wants than others are; and it is well to try, test, even good things. But I like our standard version, not only to prove and ascertain what things excel in goodness, but also to approve, endorse and adopt them when proven.

Prudent men in selecting a business choose that which is best adapted to their capacity. In choosing associates select those with whom there will be a reciprocity of benefit and enjoyment. Selecting books those are preferred that furnish the most information and are the most competent to develop the mental capacity of the reader; and in seeking health, they decide upon those localities whose hygienic properties are best adapted to their peculiar ailments.

Wise men are always seeking for the best. They may differ in opinion as to what is the best, but they are not likely to be satisfied short of their own decision.

If careful investigation for the securement of the best, that which excels, be advisable in worldly matters, surely there is greater reason for such a course in spiritual matters.

Some people say that one church is as good as another. No doubt a man may save his soul in any one of the evangelical churches. Were it not so, there would not be so many different denominations in the Christian world. Nor would I reprobate all the members of those churches that are not called evangelical. But I do not purpose to discuss that form of the question.

In selecting a church home, there are two important questions to be considered:

1. In what church can you get the most spiritual good?

There is no field so appropriate to personal ambition as the spiritual life; and our aspiration should be for all the graces attainable in the gospel of Christ.

I know that there is a mock modesty, or rather a false humility, which says that if it can get inside of the door of heaven it will be satisfied. But while it may be better to be a door-keeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness, it is much better to get near the throne than to be attending the door, even if it be "the little man with the big stick."

The church whose doctrine and usages can best minister to your spiritual needs is the church in which you should cast your lot. There is no spiritual nourishment in listening Sabbath after Sabbath to a doctrine that you do not believe; and there is little profit in a service that does not intensify your devotions and conduct you into the "Holy of Holies."

To be governed by financial patronage or social preferment in selecting a church home, is to lessen your chances for spiritual advancement. You had as well read civil law to cure the consumption. A gentleman of this town, who was in bad health, the day before he left for the Springs called upon Bro-Daniel Collins and asked him to pray for him during his absence. He said to Bro. Collins: "You may be surprised that I call upon you instead of calling on my pastor; but I would rather have your prayers than to have the prayers of my whole church." I think that gentleman was in the wrong church for him.

Your church relation is more closely allied to your relations to Christ than most people are disposed to admit. It is possible that a great many people are in the wrong church, and yet there is a degree of selfishness among us on this subject. Marriage often jostles church membership, and when my views are sought, I always decide that if the husband belongs to the Methodist Protestant Church, the wife should go with her husband; but if the wife belongs to our church, and he cannot join with her, she should be allowed to remain where she is. That is my excessive denominationalism; but if pressed for my real conviction, I should be compelled to say it is an important question, and every one should be convinced in his own mind and follow that leading.

The next question is germane to the first, and the inquiry should be:

2. In what church can you do the most good?

God requires your best service. The church that commands your fullest and heartiest endorsement is the most promising field of usefulness to you. This is especially true of the Gospel minister. You have no right to preach a doctrine that you do not believe, nor even to slubber it over as though you did believe it. If God called you to preach, He called you to preach what you believe to be the true Gospel of Christ; and if He did not call you to preach, you had better stop and go to manufacturing fertilizers, for you will not be apt to fertilize the church. I asked a gentleman in Snow Hill what his ministers did with the seventeenth article of their religion. He said they took the article as a text and preached Arminianism. You have no right to endorse a polity that you abhor by subscribing to it, nor a system that you believe to be fundamentally wrong, so long as you can find a doctrine that you believe to be true and a polity that you believe to be right. Your religious principles are

worth everything, and if you cannot suffer for them, what virtue is there in suffering for anything?

A presiding elder of the Southern Methodist Church told Bro. C. W. Button that when the late war had financially wrecked the Methodist Protestant Church in Tennessee and Kentucky, he called on our Dr. W. J. Finley and offered him a good appointment if he would cast his lot in among them. This he did as a personal favor to Dr. Finley. The doctor acknowledged the kindness that prompted the offer, but told him that it was impossible for him to be a preacher in that church, and that he must therefore continue to suffer with the brethren of his own enfeebled denomination.

One of the younger members of this Conference wrote to me before he itinerated that another denomination had offered him a salary of \$1,200, and he wished to know if I thought he had better accept it to furnish him with the means to procure an outfit for the itinerancy. I wrote him that a \$1,200 salary was a risky preparation for a \$200 salary, and that he had better run in debt for his outfit and learn to make sacrifices at the outset; that while he would have to suffer in comparison to some other ministers, our principles were worth all that they cost us.

I once heard Dr. A. Webster say that if he had his life to go over, he should never trouble himself about support. He would tell the Church that God had sent him to preach the everlasting Gospel to them, and to be supported by them, and that he and they were both responsible for the faithful performance of their respective duties, and if they failed to meet his temporal needs, he would make his complaint to his Heavenly Father.

During our convention in Montgomery, Ala., in 1867, one of the commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in his plea for organic union between his Church and ours, said to Dr. J. J. Murray, the president of our convention, "We will make a bishop of you, sir." But the promise of having one of our own men made a bishop did not influence either the convention or Dr. Murray to vote for a union that absorbed our ecclesiasticism and ignored some of our most cherished principles. Wherever true virtue and merit obtain, self-sacrifice is sure to be present, and the greater the sacrifice the higher the altitude that virtue and merit will reach. He that yields to temporal considerations will be shorn of his locks and fall into the hands of the Philestines; will be as uncertain in his course as a sailor rowing against the tide in a tub, and make as little speed as a runner with his feet encased in a sack. It is said that every man has his price, but I am glad to know that a goodly number of our ministers and laymen have never yet found their price, and I reckon that no other church is rich enough to pay it. I am in the Methodist Protestant Church because I believe that I can get the most spiritual good, and do the most spiritual good in her communion than I could in any other. I like her doctrine. A gentleman of Lynchburg once facetiously said to me, "The difference between Bro. Button and me is, I believe what is to be will be, and he believes what is to be won't be." Such a play upon words may do to amuse one, but with the teachings of God's Word and the Methodist Protestant Church, I believe that a great deal that will be ought not to be, and need not be, and God never intended it should be, and that it is both our

privilege and duty to prevent much of the wrong that otherwise might be. I rejoice in the privilege of going to any man whose sinful soul is still in the body and preaching Jesus as a present and sufficient Saviour-a gospel that goes to all the world and to every creature, a gospel that makes as full and free provision for one man as it does for another, that furnishes as infallible promises to one man as it does to another, and that affords as efficient means to one man as it does to another, and proclaims that God would have all men to be saved. I like her means of grace. A ritual that is sufficient to direct and assist the devotions of her worshipers without the tendency to formalism. A ritual that invites every true lover of our Lord Jesus Christ to the supper of his Lord, whether he has been baptized by our hands or not. I like her ecclesiastical polity, which is, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." A polity that vocalizes the wishes and sentiments of every adult member within her consecrated pale, and that allows me to invite into my pulpit any godly preacher of the Gospel, though he may not follow us. I know that these excellencies may be found elsewhere, some in one and some in another of the Christian denominations around us; but I like the combination of them all in my own denomination. I do not forget that many of our sister churches prefer what they call a strong government. But as the voice has aptly said, "The greatest treasure of a nation is manhood. Anything that destroys that is an immeasurable curse." And as our own Dr. Stephens has as well said, "Christianity contemplates not only the welfare of society, but the perfection of the individual. It countenances only such forms of social life as turnishes conditions for the making of men." To my mind a government, either civil or ecclesiastical, that simply rules without elevating its citizens or members, is a failure. A government that is so strong as to ignore my Christian manhood is too strong for me, Principles always cost. This is a church of mutual rights and mutual sacrifices. Most of our preachers have to live on smaller salaries than preachers of the same grade in other churches do, and most of our laymen have to pay more than laymen of like ability in other churches do. But we do it knowingly and voluntarily for the cause and for conscience sake. The pastor of this church, Bro. Graham, said in his anniversary sermon that "behind the work of building this beautiful temple were the hearts of the membership which gave it worth; that privilege is connected with the responsibility of service. Our responsibility is to send the force of the heart into the church, for only in this way do we send the force of the church into the world." Brethren in the ministry and laity, let us put our hearts into the work of the church, into our preaching, praying and singing, into our attendance upon worship, our Sabbath-school, and our money-giving. Let us put consecrated hearts into the whole work of the church, into all our duties and privileges, to make the church as holy within as it is beautiful and symmetrical without, a divine force to help the Master in converting the world.

'The Methodist Episcopal Church has made marked progress in the right direction since the days when the preachers simply discussed Conference measures and the bishop gave his decision without even calling for a vote, and when the bishop located the elder Dr. Roberts of Baltimore without giving

either him or the Conference a hint of such intentions till he announced it in reading his list of appointments. The principles of reform had great promise of success at one time. The proposition to elect presiding elders by the Annual Conferences was carried in the General Conference of 1820 by over a two-thirds vote, and with the endorsement of Bishops George and Roberts. After a number of its advocates had left for home, however, through the protest of Bishop McKendree and Bishop-elect Soule, the resolution was suspended for four years, and by the persistent efforts of the opponents of the measure, the election of most of the reformers to the General Conference of 1824 was defeated, and the measure slept the sleep of death. So long as the question of reform was confined to lay-rights and the election of presiding elders, it steadily advanced; but when the local preachers became clamorous for their rights, a majority of the itinerants, such as Beverly Waugh, John Emory, Alfred Griffith, Ezekiel Cooper, James Smith, William Ryland, and Gerard Morgan and others abandoned the contest, and Waugh and Emory subsequently became bishops, although they had aforetime severely arraigned the absolute power of the Episcopacy. Every improvement in the polity of Episcopal Methodism has been an advance towards our own system in so far as endorsing the principles advocated by our fathers whom they expelled from their communion. The history of those expulsions from the Methodist Episcopal Church is very remarkable, showing that there was a great deal of human nature in the church at that day.

The wolf and the lamb happened to go to the same stream to drink. The wolf chided the lamb for muddying the water so that he could not drink. The lamb replied that it was impossible for him to thus muddy the water, for he was below the wolf, and the water flowed from the wolf down to him. Then the wolf, in a rage, demanded what right he had to give him such an impudent answer, and in revenge, he ate the lamb up.

When the reformers first asked for reform in the government of the M. E. Church, the authorities of the Church said that there was no systematic agreement among the reformers as to what they wanted, and until they agreed among themselves, it was not meet that they should be listened to. Then the reformers organized union societies, and instituted a magazine called the Mutual Rights to enable them to come to a mutual understanding and agree with unanimity upon their course of action. But when they stipulated their points for reform, the Church authorities answered that they knew no such rights, nor comprehended any such privileges, and wholesale expulsions followed for inveighing against the discipline, speaking evil of ministers, reading the Mutual Rights, and joining union societies. Dr. Bascom wrote to John J. Harrod that if he would assure him of a support, he would cast his lot in with the reformers, but as Bro. Harrod could not give the required guarantee, he remained in his own Church and afterwards became bishop. Many who cast their lot among us have proven weary of the sacrifices to which they were subjected, and sought relief in other communions. If they have been compensated, it only proves that the standard of ministerial qualifications is higher with us than with the churches to which they have gone. Thousands, however, have manfully contended for their principles, and have come

through great tribulations, and have been instrumental in the salvation of a vast multitude. And though we have lost many by other churches, we have gained many from other churches, as any pastor may demonstrate by looking over his own congregation, and if our statisticians be correct in their estimates, the percentage of the increase in the Methodist Protestant Church is equal, if not greater, than that in the other Methodist bodies. Some years ago Dr. Henry Slicer announced that Methodist Protestant ministers were in the market for hire. That was resented at the time as a slander, and to-day we could furnish employment to a goodly number of preachers of other churches if the right sort were to apply. There seems to be pressing need throughout the limits of our church for more preachers.

As noted before, there was a successful combination in the Annual Conferences to defeat the election of reformers to the General Conference of 1824, thus forestalling any hope for change in Church polity, which greatly discouraged the itinerant advocates of reform, and in the meantime the local preachers became clamorous for their rights, which disgusted the itinerants, and most of them abandoned the contest and submitted to the old order of things, especially as wholesale expulsions soon followed. As a consequence, the new Church was dependent in large measure upon the local ministry for its pastoral supply. This was the case in the Maryland Conference. Nicholas Snethen, Eli Henkle, Frederick Stier, Jonathan Forrest, Thomas Dunn, William C. Poole, Dennis B. Dorsey and Joseph Scull were ex-itinerants; none of the others were ever in the travelling ranks, but they abandoned secular engagements and joined the active workers, and the cause went on swimmingly. From April, 1829, when this Conference had but ten itinerants sent out on a roving commission, dependent upon a precarious support, with no churches, parsonages, nor vested funds, it had advanced in April, 1889, to 117 itinerants on its living roll, and 66 on the roll above; 60 unstationed ministers and preachers, with 95 circuits and stations; 261 churches, 68 parsonages, and church property worth \$1,008,460; 239 Sabbath-schools, with 20,633 scholars, and 17,876 full members, and 1,375 probationers. The contributions during that year amounted to \$152,261.39. Our Superannuated Fund Society had \$80,000 invested, the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society distributed \$900 and the Jefferson Benevolent Society \$225 annually. A pretty good showing for sixty years of advance from so small a nucleus, and with the evangelical competition that meets us in every community. When I joined the Conference in 1840, there were but 36 ministerial members, and they were not all bona fide itinerants. At this point, I feel prompted to insert a little of my personal history. Dr. William Morgan, of Seaford, Del., used to call the itinerants the Big I's. It is not very agreeable to use the first personal pronoun frequently in addressing an audience, but it is hoped you will excuse it in this case. I was converted in the Methodist Episcopal Church before I was eleven years old, and led in prayer the next week at prayer-meeting. While I was still a lad, the preachers used to take me with them around their circuits to sing, pray and exhort. When about eighteen years of age, I encountered a young man in Philadelphia of Methodist Protestant proclivities, and with whom I had frequent discussions on church government; but he was always

the victor, and I told my brother that I knew I had as much sense as Tom had, and my defeat must be because I had the worst side, and that I intended to examine into the question; accordingly, I went to the boarding-house of Rev. S. L. Rawleigh and requested permission to question him on church government, and his answers so fully satisfied me that I determined to change my church relations. When my father learned that I had joined the Methodist Protestant Church, he was greatly troubled, and said to my mother that "he had hoped that boy would make something, but now he was ruined." Having occasion soon after to send some things home, I wrapped them in a Methodist Protestant containing Evans and Honor's questions and answers. My father opened the paper and began reading very intently, and my mother asked him what he had found so interesting. He raised up from his chair, and straightening his tall form, exclaimed, "The boy is right!" His trouble was over, and soon he and most of his class, and my mother and my brother were all in the Methodist Protestant Church. When I started for Maryland, my father accompanied me to the Philadelphia depot, where we met Rev. Gaswy Orem, who urged my father to dissuade me from the step I was taking, saying that the reformers could do nothing for me, but if I would join the Philadelphia Conference, they would make a man of me. As a young man I was very zealous, both spiritually and physically, and was in such delicate health that the people feared I would die in the pulpit, and nearly every church on the circuit had a place already selected in which to bury me on my next round. Dr. A. Webster and John G. Wilson took great pains to correct my extravagance in preaching. They argued, mimicked and ridiculed me to disgust me with my boisterous style. William Fisher asked Nicholas Lemon what sort of a preacher that Larry Bates was that the president, Dr. Webster, talked about so much. The answer was, "All noise and no sense." Dr. Webster at last prevailed upon me to preach a sermon by his dictation, with the understanding that when I got too high, he was to pull my skirt. I succeeded beyond my expectation, and after that found little difficulty in controlling my voice. I wish certain members of this Conference would follow my example. The young preachers used to have splendid times. We seldom had a particular home, only a depot for a trunk, and we had our washing done whenever and wherever we needed it. The salary was only \$100, and if the president had asked us where we wanted to go, the answer would have been, "Wherever you please." We used to assist each other at camp and protracted meetings by wholesale, and never failed in conversions. In passing from one camp-meeting to another, some times a half dozen of us would start in procession in our sulkies, and near mid-day would round up to some good brother's house for dinner, just as welcome as we were unexpected; but the number of chickens was lessened. In the evening we would divide up, some seeking shelter at one house and some in another, to rejoin ourselves in the morning. There were plenty of places of welcome entertainment stretching down this Peninsula from Newark, Del., to Drummondtown, Va., and as there were no railroads and few steamboats, we gladly availed ourselves of our privileges. If we had occasion to stop at a hotel, we were more likely to be invited to call again than to be charged for entertainment. At camp-meetings

the services seldom closed at the altar before 11 or 12 o'clock at night. By that time some good sister would provide a full supply of egg-tea, after drinking of which we would retire, and rouse up in the morning just as good as new. Dr. Morgan used to relate that, at the introduction of camp-meetings, the ladies slept in tents formed by sewing bed clothes together and the gentlemen slept in the wagon, and at meal time they ate on a stump, a fallen tree, or a plank, and when they had turned their tin cups bottom upwards and wiped their knives on a leaf, the table was cleared and the dishes were washed. At the date I refer to our camp-meetings generally ranged from 16 to 40 tents, and we seldom had less than from 40 to 60 conversions. At our camp on Dividing Creek in 1840 Avra Melvin, William Kesley, John R. Nichols and myself constituted the pulpit supply. It was a powerful meeting, adding over 50 members to the different appointments. Rev. William Dale was converted at that meeting. His father had permitted him to go to the camp for a stipulated time, but William overstaid his time, and Mr. Dale went down to camp after him; but when he reached the camp he learned that William was converted. I encountered Mr. Dale outside of the circle, and said to him: "Mr, Dale, if you wish to find William, he is over yonder in a tent rejoicing in the Lord." "No, no," said Mr. Dale, "I don't wish to see him." Not being a Christian at that time, he was afraid to meet his son. The colored people used to come into camp on Saturday afternoon and night by hundreds, and they sang, and prayed, and shouted from Saturday night till daybreak Monday morning, with little intermission, except the occurrence of the services of the white people. Their preachers frequently preached to them out of the back of the stand in the interim between our Sunday afternoon and night preaching. On the last night of the camp we used to march around the ground at midnight singing, "And must I be to judgment brought?" and "You'll see the graves a opening and the dead arising in that great day," etc., closing with a shout at the altar. And on the last morning we marched around the ground again, singing the "parting hymn," and when we reached the altar the preachers took thier stand in a row, and the people passed by, giving the preachers the parting hand as they passed. Then we had prayer, then a hymn, and a shout, as we pledgedeach othertomeet in heaven. And the next meeting of some of them was in heaven. These closing scenes frequently resulted in the conversion of many souls. Protracted meetings were seldom continued over a week or ten days, but they were carried on with a rush that meant something. Bro. John R. Nichols and I frequently assisted each other. Some times with the altar crowded with seekers, no one would be converted for hours, and then one of us would kneel in front of the most earnest seeker and pray for him, while the other encouraged him, and when he was converted we would walk on our knees to the next seeker, and so on till we had made that special effort in behalf of all. By that process we seldom failed in the conversion of a majority of the mourners, and some times all would get through, and then we would have a grand general shout. People get religion now much easier than formerly. Then seekers seemed to be convulsed with agony as they pleaded for relief, and frequently came through with a shout. I have seen others stretched out at full length on the floor in an unconscious state for

hours, but they always came to with praise upon their lips. When Dr. Seymour of Virginia was converted, he went to court and was busy in the court-yard telling his friends of his new-found love. Col. Finney noticed his strange proceedings, and asked Judge Searburgh what was the matter with Seymour? The Judge answered, "Why he's got religion, and he's got it bad too."

I wish the people would get it bad in this day. Some account for the change by the more general religious instruction through the Sabbath school; but one would suppose that the more intelligently they comprehended the sinfulness of sin the deeper would be their conviction of personal guilt, and the more intense their repentance, the more ecstatic their joy of relief.

In those days we sang, "The old ship of Zion," "I hope to meet my mother there," "Carry me away," "We'll sing in glory," "Where is good old Daniel?" "Young people, all attention give," "O! sinner don't you see?" "You'll hear the trumpet sounding from the old church yard," "Shed not a tear o'er your friend's early bier," and many others too numerous to mention. We sang with the spirit and with the understanding also.

At an ordinary class-meeting after preaching, I have seen most of the members on their feet, shaking hands, singing, and praising God aloud. I like that kind of confusion. O, for the return of the old fashioned class-meeting!

I was fond of working with Brother Nichols with one exception. He drove as fast through the woods at night as he did in the day, and left me away behind peering through the darkness to see the road with my imperfect sight. But he was a "fast young man." A man in Martinsburg invited his friend to go out and hear Mr. Nichols, who could preach, sing, exhort and pray, all in one breath, and never make a blunder. We frequently preached three times on Sabbath and led two classes, and travelled from fifteen to twenty miles; and also preached two or three times during the week between Sabbaths. Candles were more abundant then than lamps, and when we preached in private houses we sometimes had but one candle; but as we seldom used notes, and the people sung by memory, it did not matter much, except when some one snuffed that one candle out, as was sometimes the case; but even then we could preach or sing until it was relighted.

In the summer time we used to wear long flowing gingham gowns. These gowns were worn, not only by preachers, but also by many doctors, lawyers and merchants. They were highly prized both by men and mosquitoes. Whenever a preacher made his appearance in a town to tarry for the night, the church-bell was rung, or a notice was sent around for service, and he had to preach.

The first seven years of my marriage I received as salary about \$1,800 and paid \$300 house rent, averaging a little over \$107 per year for food, clothing etc., and moved my furniture at a heavy personal expense; for we had neither parsonages nor furniture in the class of appointments that I had to serve. "How did I live?" do you ask? Well! I did live, as you see. I have received several appointments that I did not prefer, and took them without a murmur. I have always been studiously reticent in regard to my appointments. I have known brethren to obstruct their usefulness by informing their congregation that they served them reluctantly.

If we ministers have sometimes to accept fields of labor that are not pleasing to us, and do our duty just as faithfully as though they were our choice, mutual rights require that sometimes the churches accept of pastors that they do not prefer, and do their duty by them just as faithfully as they would to a preferred pastor. These disappointing appointments sometimes prove to be a grand success. It is not well for one to get too big for his—church. At the start he was not as large as his church; and as the church helped him to grow, when he reaches his growth it is meet and right for him to help the church to grow, till it gets to be as big as he is.

I am nearing the close of my itinerant career, and, unless I should die, will in a few years be thrown upon our feeble superannuated fund. The time was when I had but little apprehension on the subject; for I had some funds of my own, and my monied friends were numerous; but my private funds are well-nigh exhausted, and my old monied friends are nearly all dead. And yet, with the present indications, I am satisfied with my selection of a Church and Conference. If I had to start anew, and knowing what was before me as I now know what is behind me, I would start just where I did start, in this Maryland Conference. I would rather sacrifice for this Church than to flourish on the sacrifices of another Church.

What a variety of scenes, associations and experiences a life of sixty or seventy years passes through; and in retrospecting the past, measuring the present and prospecting the future, it is difficult to place a high estimate upon the accumulation of years. If you could retain the friends of your youth and mature manhood, and keep the purposes of life still in the advance, it might not be so; but at such an age most of your intimate friends are dead, the vitality of life is weakening, and most of the grand purposes of life are in the past, recording as many failures as successes, and you begin to long for the life of endless progression. At the stage where I now stand, the past but a span, and the future but a hairbreadth, the great truth that this life is but the vestibule of existence becomes a reality that thrills your whole being. One is so near the other shore of time that he sees little between himself and the dark, swelling waters of the river soon to be crossed, and the hopeful attractions seem all to be on the other side. May it be the evergreen shore.

Of the 39 ministerial members of the Conference of 1840, only 5 are now living, and of the 34 laymen of that Conference not one is now alive. The Conference is outgrowing me. When I joined in 1840 there were but 39 ministerial members, and 7 of them were not bone fide itinerants, and we had 5665 church members. Now we have 117 itinerants, and 19,245 members. I used to know personally all the preachers and delegates, and most of the members of the Conference District, but the young preachers and delegates are too numerous for me to hunt up, and they do not come to introduce themselves as they should do.

I purpose now to change the line of thought. Assuming that it will be agreeable to the majority of the Conference, I have secured personal sketches of many of the older members. I have, however, confined these sketches to those members of the Conference of 1840 who died during their membership,

and to do this have availed myself of other pens than my own. I wrote to Dr. J. T. Ward for a sketch of Rev. Frederick Stier.

Brother Stier joined the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1802, and was Presiding Elder in 1810, 1811 and 1812. "He was a large, muscular man, standing at least six feet high and weighing over 200 pounds, with blue eyes, brown hair (before it turned gray), he stooped a little as he walked" with a noiseless step. "He was capable of enduring much labor, and not inclined to spare himself when duty urged him forward. He was usually grave in his intercourse with others, but companionable when discussing theological questions or rehearsing his travels." His conversation was instructive to young preachers whenever they manifested an inclination to learn. "He could even enjoy a joke if it was in the form of a reproof or repartee against evil. He had a strong voice, was earnest in preaching, practical, pointed, and by no means fastidious. His plain reproofs sometimes gave offence, but he seldom failed to make the impression that he was conscientious in all he did. He thought it highly improper to exhibit mirthfulness during worship, yet he preached few sermons in which he did not let fall some observation, which, by its oddity or appositeness, did not provoke a smile; but if smiles came tears would quickly follow, or an endorsing response would greet his ear."

Rev. Eli Henkle joined the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1808 and located in 1813. My brother, Dr. D. W. Bates, says of him: "He was about 5 feet 9 inches high, with a good-sized frame, round and well developed, and was near sighted. Socially he was cheerful without levity, and solid without moroseness; hospitable and generous. His style of preaching was the plain, practical presentation of the gospel. He was well versed in theology, had a deep-toned voice, and was a very sweet singer."

Rev. William Kesley was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was expelled from that Church in September 1829. Dr. James K. Nichols furnishes the following sketch of him: "He was diminutive in size, not more than 5 feet 5 inches in height, slightly made with a very large head, evincing great breadth of brain, and his whole physical make up indicated him to be more than an ordinary man. He was cheerful and free in his disposition, easily approached, and a genial companion. As a preacher, ordinarily, he was simple, plain and pathetic, but when occasion called out his reserved powers, he would rise into a high order of pulpit performance, and pour forth in eloquent strains the glorious gospel of Christ. As a debater he had few equals; highly educated and naturally gifted, he was a giant in his day." Judge Chambers pronounced him to be the most masterly disputant that he ever encountered.

Rev. Samuel L. Rawleigh joined the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Conference in 1808. Being a Free Mason his reception was earnestly opposed by some of the preachers. After Conference adjourned Bishop Asbury sought him out, and throwing his arms around his neck said: "Well, honey, they did not hurt you much." By which he inferred that the Bishop was a Mason. As my minutes do not extend beyond 1813, I do not know how long brother Rawleigh travelled in the old Church, but I remember that he was once

elected to the Maryland legislature, but being a minister of the gospel he was debarred his seat by the State Constitution.

Dr. Southerland furnishes this sketch of him, in which he says: "He was about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches in height, well built, rather inclined to be 'rawboned,' his eyes dark, his hair an iron-grey, and his countenance grave almost to sadness. He relaxed a little in the social circle, and was then quite entertaining, as he had a long and varied experience. In one of his appointments northward, in the wilderness, under Bishop Asbury, for lack of better night-shelter, he had slept in the open air, with his saddle for a pillow. He was a man of two books, the Bible, and the Hymn Book, and he knew them well. He was very devout and prayerful. His language was sometimes ungrammatical, never elegant, but always carnest and fervent. He would take fire in exhortation and spread the flame all over the house."

Rev. Isaac Webster. Dr. John J. Murray writes of him: "He was about 5 feet 9 inches in height, of full habit, florid complexion, iron-grey hair, and a countenance denoting both firmness and benignity. He was plain in manners, easy of approach, gentle, grave, but with a playful humor that relieved his bearing of austerity, and with his intelligence and kindness of heart made his presence an agreeable accession to the social circle, whether it was composed of old or young. His preaching was expository, argumentative and practical. His illustrations were drawn from the Scriptures, from common life, and from Christian experience. He was deliberate in movement and in speech, but not tedious, generally holding the attention of his audience to the close of his discourse, and often moving them to lively expressions of religious emotion. His preaching so often affected himself to tears that he obtained the designation of the weeping prophet."

Rev. John S. Reese, M. D., was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was one of the expelled by J. M. Hanson. Brother T. D. Valient furnishes this sketch, and says: "Dr. Reese was short of stature, but broad and well developed. His broad expansion of forehead was a true indication of the force of intellect concealed within; but what would attract you most, was his keen and searching eye." Socially he was amiable, genial and entertaining. "His mind was logical, and sophistry had but little chance to win him from the truth. He was full of sympathy, and his ministration blended pathos with logic, and melted his audience to tears while he chained them with his argument. He could relate an incident with such feeling as to make it real in all its points to the tenderest emotions of the heart." He was one of the grand preachers of the Conference, and his audience always belonged to him.

Rev. Levi R. Reese. Bro. William Dale says of him: "He was of medium height," of light complexion, "with a fine commanding appearance, impressing you at once with his intelligence. His social qualities were of a superior order. His conversational powers were extraordinary, whether in the pulpit or out. He had the faculty of entertaining with perfect ease, and at the same time giving you valuable instruction. His sermons consisted of premises, arguments, and a conclusion. He had an aim, a purpose in his preaching. There was something definite and important that he wished to prove, and he

was sure to do it. In laying down his premises he was very careful, and for that reason he was sometimes a little tedious. At times he reminded me of one approaching a splendid mansion. He would linger in his approaches to to admire the shrubbery, the flowers and statuary, and in his description of these he was always accurate and often ornate; but if you followed him he was sure to reach the mansion, the temple of truth, the truth as it is in Jesus, and make you feel that it was the house of God and the gate of Heaven."

Rev. Josiah Varden. Dr. David Wilson sketched him thus: "He was about 5 feet 8 inchei high; a natural stoop suggested that he was not so tall. Prominent eyebrows, an aquiline nose, and large eyes and mouth gave his countenance in repose an austere expression. In the pulpit all was changed. Indeed the whole gospel seemed daguerreotyped in every lineament of his expressive face. A voice that could sound every note from the lowest bass to the softest alto, gave him transcendent power, and moved his audience alternately to tears and smiles. He could scarcely be called an extemporaneous preacher, and yet, when fully aroused by the glow of premeditated speech, he could interpolate whole sentences and paragraphs with the greatest ease. Had he chosen the drama he would have ranked with the greatest actors of the age." He was subject to paroxysms of despondence that made life a burden to him; but when the cloud lifted no man was more companionable nor truer in his friendship than Josiah Varden. His allegiance to Christ, and to the Church of his choice, which he helped to make, never faltered.

Rev. George D. Hamilton. Brother Jesse Shreeve describes him as of medium height, portly form, and of a rosy complexion. He was cheerful, genial and pleasant, and his heart was easily touched with sympathy. He was not a man of much literary culture, nor a close student, but he seldom made a mistake in grammar. He was a close observer of passing events, and had the faculty of turning them to good account. While his sermons were not profound they were full of good practical truth, and delivered in an earnest, impressive manner. In exhortation he excelled in unction and power. Catching the inspiration he infused it into others.

Rev. William W. Maddox. Brother John R. Nichols recollection of him is that "he was a well set man, of 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height, round build, fair complexion, pleasant face, affable manner, and sociable in disposition. As a preacher he was zealous and emotional, lacking arrangment and profundity. His career was short, but he had seals to his ministry."

Rev. Washington Roby. Dr. Drinkhouse sketches him as follows: "He was about 5 feet 10 inches in stature, straight as an arrow, and well proportioned. His features were regular, except that his clear grey-blue eyes were set close together. He wore small side whiskers, and his thick brown hair was brushed back from his forehead and temples. Altogether he had a commanding presence, and would be observed among men. His social manners were affable and winning. A pleasant smile illumined his face, and a warm grasp of the hand greeted you uniformly. He was graceful in his movements, and at ease in any company. He was a born gentleman, with that unfailing sign of it, great deference for women. His pure lips tempered a ready wit with a hearty, ringing laugh, Christian gravity marking his genial inter-

course. His style of preaching was modelled unconsciously after the early circuit riders. He was thoroughly converted and deeply spiritual, and his natural intellect was clear and strong, enabling him to make effective use of all he knew. His pulpit preparations were simple, and controlled by the analytical and logical bent of his mind. Commonly a single sheet of letterpaper was his brief, containing his text, sharp cut divisions, and numerous Armed with this, being thoroughly saturated with prayer, he was ready for the pulpit. In his early ministry he was endowed with a voice of great power and flexibility, and wonderful compass; but his vehement manner under excitement strained the vocal chords, and ruined the fine instrument forever. The characteristic of his preaching was deep earnestness and a sincere personal persuasion of the truth as he understood it." But in spite of the huskiness of his voice, he was at times very pathetic. He once adopted the peculiar, silvery tones of Snethen, and preached a whole round on his circuit in that style, and succeeded remarkably well, but lacked the courage to persist. If he had it would have given him great relief.

Rev. Daniel Davies, M. D. Dr. Southerland favors me with this sketch of Dr. Davies. He says: "The Doctor was a small slight figure about his own height and build when he was young. He was bright and cheerful, and charming as a companion. He heard him preach in his (Dr. Southerland's) pulpit, at Ninth-Street, Washington, D. C., perhaps his last sermon. His text was Paul's reply to Agrippa. His voice was feeble but musical. He was fluent and his language chaste, and his manner winning, tender and eloquent. As he stood there in his pallor and weakness, repeating, 'I would God, etc., except these bonds,' the congregation instinctively lost sight of Paul, and realized that Dr. Davies was wishing them to be what he was except his 'bonds' of affliction. It was a beautiful and touching picture, and ineffaceable in my memory. Dr. Davies ranked next to Stockton in eloquence." I never saw Dr. Davies, but have heard the older preachers relate that when he was seeking salvation at camp-meeting they found him out in the woods one day praying very earnestly in his native Welch language.

Rev. John Elderdice. Brother R. Scott Norris writes of him: "He was about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, spare visage, dark complexion, black hair, and withal a little stoop-shouldered. His face was usually grave, as if in deep thought, but when in agreeable company was often lighted up with a genial smile which was quite expressive. He was never known to laugh immoderately, and was gifted in conversation, full of animation, and never failed to make himself agreeable. His sermons were carefully prepared, and exhibited no small degree of artistic finish; were poetical and descriptive. His only drawback was his peculiar mode of delivery; but for that defect, beyond a doubt, he would have ranked as one of our leading preachers."

Rev. Levin A. Collins. Brother John R. Nichols writes that "he was about 5 feet 9 inches high; slender and straight, black hair and eyes and dark complexion. He was affectionate, tender-hearted and strong in his attachments. His style of preaching was clear, practical and pathetic. He had the faculty of throwing his whole soul into his sermon, and I have seen him fall several tlines in the pulpit while making his climaxes of emotion. His physical man

failed in early life and cut short his usefulness." I will add that Brother Collins was a frail man, but a popular and effective preacher.

Rev. Daniel F. Ewell, M. D. Dr. John J. Murray's description of him is: He was tall, spare, active, alert, energetic and generally hopeful, endowed with a good degree of perseverance, and often successful in what he undertook; but affected by unexpected opposition and hindrances that was not only distressing to himself, but sometimes threatened the accomplishment of his designs. He was of easy manners, social in disposition, suave, desirous of pleasing, and capable of making friends wherever he went. He preached usually from a skeleton, making himself familiar with his subject, but leaving his words to the inspiration of the occasion. He was earnest, animated, and often pathetic, seeking immediate effect in the conversion of sinners, or in stirring up the religious sensibilities of professors of religion."

Rev. Francis Waters, D. D. I requested Dr. Webster to furnish me with a sketch of Dr. Waters, but he pleaded ill-health and failing vision, and suggested that I do it myself. Dr. Waters was at least 6 feet high, slender and erect, light complexion, blue eyes, regular features, graceful in movement, and the personification of elegance and dignity, and exact and regular in his habits. He was grave but social in his disposition, and attractive alike to old and young with those who knew him well, and when in the mood he had a fund of amusing anecdotes which were very entertaining. As a preacher, he was clear, concise and scholarly in his expositions, calm and deliberate in manner, critically correct in language, and forcible in his expressions. He was "apt to teach" like Dr. Webster is, but not as emotional; but when he did become stirred, he was thrilling both in thought and enunciation.

Rev. Abraham S. Eversole, M. D. Dr. James K. Nichols says of him: "His head was of medium size, with a declining forehead, and small twinkling black eyes expressive of geniality and good humor. He was about 5 feet and 11 inches in height, broad and round shouldered, and burly in appearance, weighing at one time 225 pounds. His social qualities were excellent, he was genial in spirit and very companionable. There was a vein of dry humor in his composition, which he used to fine effect, and made him the center and soul of almost every circle in which he moved. As a preacher he was plain and forcible. His sermons were generally prepared with care, indicating much thought, but without attempt at ornamentation; and though a little slow at the outset, as he progressed in delivery he became animated and fluent in utterance, generally closing with forcible appeals in application of his subject."

These burning and shining lights have passed away, with most of the noble laymen and their devoted wives, who struggled and sacrificed to establish the church and Conference in their early history. It is sad to bury one by one the trusted counselors of your youth, and the companions of your early manhood, and to pass by the treasured resting places of former toils, where the prophet's chamber was kept in perpetual readiness, and find them occupied by those who know not Joseph. What precious memories come trooping up as you look upon these familiar homes and hear the honored names of the absent ones. But they have gone to their rich reward, and the church and Confer-

ence still live, and as the seniors retire, they may confidently trust them to the stirring and sterling young men that are so rapidly swelling the ranks, who will not only preserve our ecclesiasticisms unsullied by the abondonment of any of our valued principles, but by their well-stored minds, and eloquent tongues, and consecrated hearts, and active ministrations, will advance the cause to the glory of God and the salvation of men. But my young brethren, to accomplish this, you must, eat Ezekiel's roll and St. John's little book. Ezek. iii. 3; Rev. x. 9.

The devoted worthies of former years, both clerical and lay, also still live, and are rejoicing in a more hallowed companionship in the Church triumphant above, and as we pass one by one, we shall see them again in the better land. What a gathering that will be at the last, when the sacramental host of all ages shall lift their trumpet voices in full chorus in an everlasting doxology to Him that hath loved us and washed us in His own most precious blood, and made us kings and priests unto God. "Shall we know each other there?" Surely; do you think you will not recognize the preacher whose consecrated lips have fed you with the Gospel of the Son of God? And do you not think you will recognize the rapt hearer whose upturned face and responsive heart has so often been an inspiration as you endeavored to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus?

Many of our ex-presidents were fine singers. Eli Henkle sang his way into the hearts of his audiences as an introduction to his sermons; and who that heard can forget Dr. Webster's "Oh, hallelujah! grace is free; there's enough for each and enough for all, and enough forevermore"? and Josiah Varden's "What sinners value I resign, Lord, 'tis enough that Thou art mine"? and Levi R. Reese's "We are passing away like a calm summer's day"? and Dr. Collier's "I'm a pilgrim and I'm a stranger, I can tarry but a night"? And now let us join in singing "I'm the child of a King."

MANUAL.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference imme-

diately after the election of the same.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I.

Duties of the President.

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious

4. Announce each person rising to speak, so soon as he shall have addressed the chair, by declaring him "The minister from ——," or "The delegate

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order; and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie;

but he may vote in cases of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after an adjournment.

RULE II.

Duties of Secretary.

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body. And also,

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting, the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman pro tempore, and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be

accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

5. Keep an accurate list of the members of the Conference.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference, including all written resolutions whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.

7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought

before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.

8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, First, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and Second, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appoint-

9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding

annual session.

11. Be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks.

COMMITTEES.

RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV.

Standing Committees.

1. Finance, 2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

2. Itinerancy and Orders, the Faculty of Instruction.

3. Boundaries, 7 Laymen.

- 4. Pulpit Services, 3 Ministers
 5. Home Missions, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 6. Superannuates, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 7. Literature 2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
- 7. Literature, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 8. Sabbath Schools, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 9. Temperance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 10. Benevolent Agencies, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 11. Fraternal Relations, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 12. Official Character, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 13. Statistics, 1 Minister, 1 Laymen.

13. Statistics, 1 Minister, 1 Layman. 14. Obituaries, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.

15. Education, 3 Ministers, 2 I aymen.

16. Foreign Missions, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.17. President's Report, 2 Ministers, 1 Layman. 18. Sabbath Observance, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

19. Committee on Credentials,

20. General Home Missions, 3 ministers, 2 laymen.

RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed, and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference: except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, or to amend: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussions the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

RULE IX.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

BULE X.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XI.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XII.

A motion after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

RULE XIII.

No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XIV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

RULE XV.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question. he shall rise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed, addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVI.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XVIII.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XIX.

In deciding a question of order, the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference; the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate; but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XX.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXI.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requests.

RULE XXII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIII.

Every member shall report at Roll call of the first day's 'session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

RULE XXIV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative be put.

RULE XXV.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXVI.

At nine o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

RULE XXVII.

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee, and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. The names and length of service only to be read. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

RULE XXVIII.

At eleven o'clock the President, or his substitute, shall preach an appropriate discourse, and in the evening the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

RULE XXIX.

At two-and a-half o'clock P. M., on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot, as follows: 1. President; 2. Secretary; 3. Conference Steward; 4. Home Missionary Steward; 5. Superannuated Fund Steward; 6. Foreign Missionary Steward; 7. General Home Missionary Steward; 8. Educational Steward; 9. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders, one of whom must be unstationed; 10. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX.

Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports, and all charges against official character, shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanations may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSIONS.

RULE XXXI.

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

From 11.30 to 12 o'clock, each day, shall be spent in devotional exercises.

RULE XXXII.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXIII.

The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent. When any delegate upon recognition by the chair, may present any business, and it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

RULE XXXIV.

•The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXV.

When any business is laid before the Conference, it may be made, the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXVI.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XXXVII.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business (except the order of the day), or by adjournment.

RULE XXXIX.

When there are present Fraternal Messengers, and other visitors to whom

the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President; whereupon the President nay request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to Conference, either at that time, or when the state of the business may with more propriety be arrested.

RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Duties of the President.

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannualed Fund and Missionary Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference; and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence.

2. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports

for all charges unsupplied.

4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

5. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his

right to the amount assessed for his salary.

6. The President shall represent the General Interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS

1 The Conference Steward, Home Missionary Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward and Educational Steward shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement on the official report and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference; admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2 It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all our churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and, if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of

the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encour ter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unsta-

tioned minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's F. M. Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes; each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty one years shall be "qualified members" for the purposes indicated in Section 3 of Article IV. of Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 109 and 110 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as

a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a steward and as a trustee, and also as a delegate to the Annual Conference.

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5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering, the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualification.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is so far as it has authority disallowed by the Conference.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the

rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of this death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent

acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

CAMP MEETINGS.

Camp-Meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground, or the

adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp meeting, shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

3. Faithful efforts shall be made by the official members of the church and all persons having authority at camp-meetings, to maintain the due observ-

ance of the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Quarterly Conferences, or associations recognized by this Conference, shall deliver to the President, at least four weeks before the time appointed for said meetings, a written pledge, duly attested, that the foregoing regula-

tions shall be observed in good faith.
6. The President shall have no authority to assign ministers for service at camp-meetings, until he shall have received the written pledge as above described; nor shall any camp meeting held in contravention of these regulations be recognized as a camp-meeting of the Methodist Protestant Church.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for Home Missions shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the missionary collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

3. The Committee on Missions shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for missionary purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be

expected from collections and interest on legacies. 5. The Missionary Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust for said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees, appointed by the Missionary Society, shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers, or other valuables held by them

as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection, or from other causes form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace, or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline, Trial of Members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper; and should the accused be found gulity, he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church, the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations

of the Discipline for trial of members.

9 Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership

in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission, the missionary shall have authority

to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applications for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members, as to secure it

to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

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16. The Society shall pay the travelling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Missionary Society in the interim of Conference.

Resolved, 1st. That the Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society be constituted a commission of investigation, and are hereby instructed and required thoroughly to review the list of missions and appropriations, and report to this body at its next aession whether or not said appropriations are according to the law of the Church and justified by the needs of the beneficiaries in each particular case.

All applications for appropriations to Home Missions shall be made to the Board of managers.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the Superannuated list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The Committee in making appropriations, shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration, 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The value of said service to the Conference; 3. The size of family; 4. The peculiarities of location, &c.; 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity, or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys

coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

5. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the Committee.

6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannusted Fund Society, provide the Treasurer of said society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every paster is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5.00, in addition to the superannuated collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the superannuated list at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish superannuated claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:

What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
 Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?

3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children respectively?

4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?

5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?

6. Do you attend our church?

If not, why not?

7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school?

If not, why not?

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